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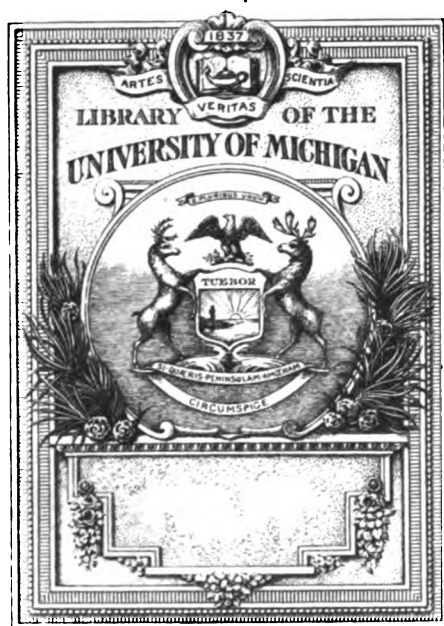
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1912-1913

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1912-1913

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, APRIL 11, 1872, TO JULY 1, 1913, WITH THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE.

- Allen, James Lane, 1880-82.  
 \*Anthony, Elliott, 1872-77.  
 Armstrong, Geo. B., 1881-82; 1908-11.  
 Barr, Alfred E., 1899.  
 Beebe, Wm. H., 1887-89.  
 \*Billings, Albert M., 1875-78.  
 \*Blodgett, Edward A., 1908-10.  
 Bowers, James F., 1901-08.  
 Bradley, J. Harley, 1887.  
 Breyer, Charles C., 1913-14.  
 \*Brine, Geo. J., 1886-87.  
 Brosseau, Z. P., 1893-96; 1901-07.  
 \*Callaghan, B., 1880-96.  
 Cigrand, B. J., 1903-10.  
 Collins, Michael J., 1912-13.  
 \*Curran, Wm., 1882-83.  
 Despres, Samuel, 1903-06; 1912-15.  
 Diener, T. C., 1893-95.  
 Dreyer, Edw. S., 1889-95.  
 Eckhart, John W., 1901-07.  
 Egan, Dennis J., 1903-05.  
 \*Enright, John W., 1883-88.  
 \*Forrester, Robert H., 1879-80.  
 Frank, Mortimer, 1910-13.  
 Franks, Jacob, 1897-03.  
 Freeman, Henry V., 1910-13.  
 Fyffe, Colin C. H., 1903-05.  
 Garibaldi, John G., 1900-02.  
 \*Gunderson, S. T., 1895-98.  
 \*Hamilton, John B., 1896-98.  
 \*Hatch, Azel F., 1890-93; 1894-1900.  
 \*Hayes, Samuel S., 1872-75.  
 Hedenberg, James W., 1895-98.  
 Heldmann, Geo. D., 1902-03.  
 Henius, Max, 1911-14.  
 Herhold, Frederick H., 1897-1901.  
 Hirsch, Emil G., 1888-97.  
 Hotz, Ferdinand C., 1875-81.  
 \*Hoyne, Thos., 1872-75.  
 Hutchinson, Chas. L., 1898-01.  
 Hynes, Wm. J., 1881-87.  
 \*Kadlec, L. W., 1880-89.  
 Kaspar, Wm., 1889-94.  
 Keeley, Thos. F., 1894-97.  
 \*Kent, Wm. D., 1888-89.  
 Ksycki, Philip M., 1911-14.  
 \*Sheahan, Jas. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20, 1872.  
 \*Wickersham, W. B., Secretary from July 20, 1872, to October 15, 1908.  
 Wilson, Harry G., Acting Secretary, October 15, 1908, to March 11, 1909. Secretary since March 11, 1909.  
 \*Poole, Wm. F., LL. D., Librarian from October 25, 1873, to August 1, 1887.  
 Hild, Frederick H., Librarian from October 15, 1887, to April 30, 1909.  
 Roden, Carl B., Acting Librarian from May 1, 1909, to October 11, 1909.  
 Legler, Henry E., Librarian since October 11, 1909.
- Kuflewski, W. A., 1899-02.  
 Lagorio, Antonio, 1906-15.  
 Lewke, Otto W., 1897-1900.  
 Lindstrand, Frans A., 1903-06.  
 \*Loewenthal, B., 1875-82.  
 Lowe, John W., 1902-06.  
 McCormick, Robert S., 1895-01.  
 McDowell, Malcolm, 1913-14.  
 MacMillan, T. C., 1882-87.  
 Mannhardt, Emil, 1885-88.  
 Mason, George, 1874-80.  
 Meeker, Arthur, 1900-03.  
 \*Moos, Bernhard, 1887-96.  
 \*Moses, Adolph, 1882-88.  
 Novak, John L., 1905-08.  
 Onahan, Wm. J., 1874-81.  
 Peabody, Francis S., 1899-03.  
 Plamondon, Chas. A., 1899-02.  
 \*Queal, Robert F., 1872-76.  
 \*Raster, Hermann, 1872-75.  
 Rawson, Frederick H., 1908-11.  
 Rend, Wm. P., 1889-92.  
 Rogers, Henry W., 1883-85.  
 \*Rosenthal, Julius, 1872-75.  
 Roulston, Robert J., 1905-13.  
 Rubens, Harry, 1879-85.  
 Ryan, Andrew J., 1898-99.  
 \*Schmidt, Ernst, 1881-82.  
 \*Scranton, Abner R., 1876-79.  
 \*Sheahan, James W., 1872-74.  
 \*Shields, Michael, 1902-03.  
 \*Shorey, Daniel L., 1872-80.  
 \*Shortall, John G., 1886-95.  
 \*Smith, Pliny B., 1888-94.  
 \*Smith, Robert J., 1890-93.  
 Smith, Sidney, 1877-79.  
 \*Smyth, John M., 1892-95.  
 Sprague, Otho S. A., 1878-81.  
 Stern, Julius, 1906-12.  
 \*Swazey, Arthur, 1885-87.  
 Taylor, Graham, 1906-12.  
 Umbdenstock, Michael, 1887-90.  
 Van Osdel, John M., 1896-99.  
 Wait, Horatio L., 1910-13.  
 \*Walker, J. B., 1875-83.  
 Waterman, Arba N., 1908-10.  
 \*Wells, Wm. H., 1882-85.  
 \*Williams, Norman, 1887-89.  
 \*Woodard, Willard, 1872-74.

\*Deceased.

## LIBRARY STAFF

ADMINISTRATION—Henry E. Legler, *librarian*; Carl B. Roden, *assistant librarian*; Nellie L. Kennedy, *librarian's secretary* (resigned Sept. 15, 1913); Gertrude C. Shine, *librarian's secretary*.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE—Harry G. Wilson, *secretary*; Emanuel Holy, Minnie E. Wills, James W. McGovern.

ORDER DIVISION—Henrietta Lovi, *chief*; Caroline Bernhardt, Rosalind L. Lillibridge, Bessie H. Palmer, Katherine E. Brady, *senior assistants*; Daisy Furchgott, *junior assistant*; Chester Cole, *page*.

CATALOG DIVISION—Bessie Goldberg, *chief*; Lucy E. Brown, Emily T. Larson, Amelia M. Platt, Anna C. Reque, Jessie M. Woodford, *principal assistants*; Gladys Arnold, Irma L. Snyder, J. Cornelia Wyse, *senior assistants*; Borghild Asbornsen, *multigraph operator*.

CIRCULATION DIVISION—James C. Barbee, May I. Carroll, George S. King, *head assistants*; Margaret C. O'Shaughnessy, Jessie B. Perry, *principal assistants*; Elizabeth Barnes, Edith E. Coyne, Irene Ives, Jessie E. Reed, Lora A. Rich, *senior assistants*; Gertrude H. Andrews, *junior assistant*; Mandel Block, John W. Barta, Roland Cravens, Abe Dorfman, Edward F. Eckhardt, James E. Edwards, Harold Fox, Meyer Friedman, Isadore Glick, John E. Jeffrey, Thomas B. Lewis, Louis Licht, Charles Macko, Joseph W. Majewski, Ray A. O'Connell, Frank H. Pollard, Louis Saperstein, Sam Schwartz, Joseph Seawright, Isadore Suluway, Herbert Thompson, Edward J. Vlasak, *pages*.

STATIONS DIVISION—William A. Purer, *chief*; Christian Sonne, John Toman (on leave of absence), *principal assistants*; George F. Bell, Raymond Dwyer, Harold Hellgren, Elie Hudon, Ida B. Johnson, Edward M. Peterson, William Renner, Joseph Rzepinski, *senior assistants*; Jacob Cohen, Fred A. A. Schweizer, Agatha A. Wieboldt, *junior assistants*; Lewis V. Berry, Aaron Cohn, Joseph A. Evanson, Sever Holm, Clifford Hughey, Abe Langert, Ernst Lutter, Herman L. Miller, Frank Patterson, John M. J. Scully, Julius Siegan, George M. Thompson, Gustav Versener, Joseph Weitzenfeld, Charles D. Williams, James J. Yarber, jr., *pages*; John D. Barchard, John Gawron, Fred C. Lutter, William J. Soper, John P. Wallenborn, George A. Wiborg, *automobile operators*; Joseph J. Wesley, *automobile caretaker*.

REFERENCE DIVISION—Carrie L. Elliott, *chief*; Charles Lhotka, *assistant chief*; Frank E. Waska, *head assistant in charge of Art Room*; J. Frank James, Charles F. Zak, *principal assistants*; Margaret Kearney, Mary E. Rae, *senior assistants*; Walter B. Flintrup, *junior assistant*; Alexander S. La Zoris, Lawrence Phillips, *pages*.

DOCUMENTS AND CIVICS ROOM—Frederick F. Rex, *head assistant in charge of Documents and Civics*; Adele Bergman, Agnes Donoghue, Edward Henwood, Edith Kammerling, *senior assistants*; George P. Krick, *page*.

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION—Faith E. Smith, *director of training class*.

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PUBLICATIONS DIVISION—Anna J. Ferguson, Anna Riordan, *principal assistants*; Maude H. T. Freeman, *junior assistant*.

REGISTRY DIVISION—Lilyan G. Morawski, *chief*; Katharine Donovan, *principal assistant*; Loretto M. Crowe, Anna A. O'Brien, Mary Ryan, *senior assistants*; Florence W. Arnold, Lorene Campbell, Anna V. Donnelly, Blanche V. Shaw, Emma L. Shaw, *junior assistants*.

BINDERY DIVISION—J. Ritchie Patterson, *chief*; Mary M. Hishen, *principal assistant*; Margaret Crain, *senior assistant*; Lottie Bewers, Marguerite Hollingsworth, Helen Kasmar, Anna Olsen, Hattie O'Neal, Catherine Thomson, May Weaymouth, Rosebud Weaymouth, *assistants*; Joseph F. Negoski, *page*.

EVENING DIVISION—Benjamin M. Smith, *chief*; Mike Alexander, Joseph J. Augustus, James H. Biddle, George T. Brady, Anthony Angarola, Cornelius Cohen, Harry Cohen, Nathan Dolnitzky, William T. Horrobin, Samuel Kaplan, Salvatore Lange, Nathan Levin, Dominick J. Porto, Joseph Rosenberg, William Sheridan, George B. Voss, *pages*.

TELEPHONE OPERATOR—Rebecca M. Burke.

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ARMOUR SQUARE BRANCH—Augusta G. Kessell, *library assistant in charge*.

AUSTIN BRANCH—Julia A. Baker, *branch librarian*; Julia A. Gerloff, *senior assistant*; Helen S. Babcock, Ethel Owen, *junior assistants*; Anthony C. Formosa, *page*; Charles T. Gerloff, *janitor*; Mary A. Swift, on leave of absence.

**BESSEMER PARK BRANCH**—Pearl E. Feddersen, *branch librarian*; Dora Feddersen, *junior assistant*.

**BLACKSTONE BRANCH**—Mary W. Wood, *branch librarian*; Anna W. Thayer, Mary A. Wilson, *senior assistants*; Mary Moser, *junior assistant*; Clarence C. Collier, *page*; John Renkoscicz, *engineer-janitor*.

**BURR SCHOOL BRANCH**—Gabriella Ackley, *branch librarian*; Helen I. Fix, *senior assistant*; Genevieve M. O'Leary, *junior assistant*.

**CORNELL SQUARE BRANCH**—Kate B. Chase, *branch librarian*; Philomena E. Brennan, *junior assistant*.

**DAVIS SQUARE BRANCH**—Catherine J. Fox, *branch librarian*; Marco Rosenfeldt, *page*.

**DVORAK PARK BRANCH**—Helen H. Forman, *branch librarian*; Katharine H. Smith, *junior assistant*.

**ECKHART PARK BRANCH**—Ada M. Lanquist, *branch librarian*; Fanchon I. Henderson, *junior assistant*; Harry Schulman, *page*.

**FULLER PARK BRANCH**—Janet M. Green, *branch librarian*; Vivian G. Harsh, *senior assistant*.

**HAMILTON PARK BRANCH**—Frances C. Cantner, *library assistant in charge*; Josephine M. Johnson, *senior assistant*.

**HAMLIN PARK BRANCH**—Maude Blake, *branch librarian*; Mary Pomerene, *junior assistant*; Theodore Roane, *page*.

**HEBREW INSTITUTE BRANCH**—Mathilda S. Nodek, *branch librarian*; Muriel Dunne, Naomi W. Pollard, *senior assistants*; Gertrude Leberstine, Ella B. Marshall, *junior assistants*; Isadore Himmelfarb, *page*.

**HOLSTEIN PARK BRANCH**—Charlotte L. Olson, *library assistant in charge*; Mary Livshis, *junior assistant*.

**HUMBOLDT PARK BRANCH**—Alice M. Farquhar, *branch librarian*; Adah M. Anderson, *senior assistant*; Isadore Glenner, *page*.

**HIRAM KELLY BRANCH**—Adah F. Whitcomb, *branch librarian*; Minnie S. Clark, Eliza Pendry, Frances V. Rice, *senior assistants*; Evangeline Beck, Edith I. Bredin, Olive Griffith, *junior assistants*; Howard B. Maguire, *page*; Thomas P. Conry, *engineer-janitor*.

**LAWDALE BRANCH**—Janet O'Brien, *branch librarian*; Margaret M. Bates, *junior assistant*; Rocco Motto, *page*; Mrs. Anna Broadbent, *janitress*; William J. Kasper, *page*, on leave of absence.

**LEWIS INSTITUTE BRANCH**—Mary P. Wilde, *branch librarian*; Ella J. Horrobin, Winifred J. Lagorio, *senior assistants*; Jessie Bingham, *junior assistant*; Jacob Shapiro, *page*; John Balfour, *janitor*.

LINCOLN CENTER BRANCH—Olive E. Pillsbury, *branch librarian*; Louise M. Hannagan, *senior assistant*; Roberta P. Cooke, *junior assistant*.

LOGAN SQUARE BRANCH—Myrtle E. Sette, *branch librarian*; Emma Levin, *senior assistant*; Gertrude L. Husenetter, *junior assistant*; Michael Hallinan, *page*; Robert W. Jones, *janitor*.

MARK WHITE BRANCH—Edith Erskine, *branch librarian*.

OGDEN PARK BRANCH—Alberta L. McDermott, *branch librarian*; Mamie Neylan, *junior assistant*.

SHERMAN PARK BRANCH—Daisy I. McHale, *branch librarian*; Anna I. Kelley, *junior assistant*; William J. Kurzin, *page*.

STANFORD PARK BRANCH—Harriet I. Baer, *branch librarian*; Adeline Nieman, Erva E. Romaine, *junior assistants*.

WEST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET BRANCH—Bird Morrison, *branch librarian*; Jessie M. Lawson, *senior assistant*; Catherine McNulty, *junior assistant*; George Weiss, *page*.

FERNWOOD TRAVELING LIBRARY—Carrie Van de Roovaart, *library assistant in charge*.

ENGINEERS' DIVISION—Jacob Reitz, *chief engineer*; Robert G. Allison, Ernest A. Hart, Peter G. Ledeboer, Charles I. Moulton, *engineers*; Amby J. Beery, John Guthrie, John Stretch, *firemen*; Andrew E. Christophersen, *mechanical and electrical engineer*; John Clarke, John Murray, *coal-passers*; Thomas Davis, Thomas Guthrie, *oilers*; Cosmo Pacente, *laborer*.

JANITORS' DIVISION—James J. Linehan, *custodian of buildings*; John Ampey, Joseph Bennett, Joseph A. Gadwood, James C. King, Martin R. Logan, William McDearmed, Peter Murphy, William P. Shanley, Frank Smith, *janitors*; Josephena Anderson, Agnes F. Cronin, Josephine Cubecheck, Mary Higgins, Ellen McDonald, Catherine Murray, Mrs. Emma Spiering, *janitresses*; Dominick Carsello, Alessandro Farroli, *marble cleaners*; Martin Schnee, Emil Schoenbacher, *wood finishers*; John Christian, Aaron S. Einstein, Christian Ullrich, *watchmen*; John McKay, Charles J. Moore, Robert H. Proudie, *window washers*; Nicholas A. Anderson, *carpenter*; Oscar Carlson, James J. Daly, Charles F. Jackson, William W. Scanlon, M. J. Sheridan, Fred J. Varney, *elevator operators*.

**FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OF**  
**THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL, CITY OF CHICAGO.

GENTLEMEN: The annual report presented herewith is the forty-first since the establishment of the Chicago Public Library. While we are enabled again to report very handsome increases in all departments of the Library, except the Stations Division, we can not promise a continuation of the large gains in the future unless adequate financial support is obtained through legislation or otherwise. The report of the Binderies Division is significant as showing the enormous use made by readers who draw the books for home use. With the exercise of the greatest care possible the wear and tear of volumes which are constantly in circulation is heavy and unless money is forthcoming for replacements it is inevitable that the stage must be reached when the supply of books will be exhausted. This is the situation which now confronts the Library. The sum apportioned for the purchase of books, which is now \$40,000 per annum, should be doubled in order to keep abreast of the literature of the day, and to acquire a sufficient number of the more popular books, especially in the classes of useful arts and other non-fiction books.

Otherwise the situation which is now becoming acute of inability to supply more than about seventy-five per cent of requests, will become still more aggravated.

The revenues now derived by the Library barely meet the demands for current maintenance and leave absolutely no opportunity for expansion. There are so many large and populous sections of the city which are demanding library privileges the same as those enjoyed by other sections that the Board again emphasizes the need for such increase of revenues as will permit larger service to the citizens. Renewed attention is called to the necessity for such legislation as will permit this. Two years ago a bill passed both houses of the legislature granting relief, but the then governor vetoed it on constitutional grounds. It was the hope of this Board that the present legislature would pass a modified act remedying the defect pointed out in the former bill, but no legislation along these lines has been found possible for various reasons which need not be entered into in detail. The failure to secure relief legislation does not mean hostility from any source official or otherwise, but is due to conditions with which the Library is not in any way concerned.

By his appointment as a member of the School Board in April, Mr. Robert J. Roulston, for eight years a member and for four successful terms president of the Board of Directors, severed his official relations with the Library much to the regret of his associates and of the members of the staff. In his concluding communication to the Board, announcing his retirement, Mr. Roulston summarized the activities of the institution during the past few years, noting the phenomenal growth which had attended the efforts of the Board of Directors and of the administration in the matter of library extension. In the course of his message Mr. Roulston called attention to an opportunity which lies before the citizens of this municipality. He said:

"There is here a fine opportunity for public spirited citizens of wealth to give material evidence of their faith in Chicago and their interest in its educational upbuilding by providing means for continuing the work so auspiciously begun. No citizen of Chicago

can erect to himself a more enduring monument nor a more creditable one than by contributing a branch library which shall help to fill out and complete the system of branch libraries contemplated by the policy of the Library Board. Assurance that the money will be honestly as well as judiciously expended rests firmly on the past experience of the Board. The late Mr. Hiram Kelly, a south side merchant, left a bequest of \$200,000 for library purposes. The Library Board by judicious management increased this principal to \$260,000, built a splendid and well-equipped library building, named after the donor, and now administers this branch for the benefit of the community without one cent of expense to the tax-payers, the income derived from the investment of the principal being utilized for this purpose. Chicago has many men and women of means, well disposed toward its educational opportunities, and of these the Public Library is one of the worthiest as well as one of the neediest. New York Public Library enjoys an income from invested trust funds of this nature, which nets annually twice as much as the entire sum of money raised for the Chicago Public Library by taxation. Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and many other large cities also enjoy the benefit of large endowments secured from bequests and direct gifts, and it is to be hoped that the Chicago Public Library will likewise find before long generous friends who are willing to add in this way to its now all too restricted resources."

During the year several of the employees who have been connected with the Library nearly a quarter of a century have availed themselves of the provisions of the pension law, which permits retirement on part salary after a service of more than twenty years. These include Mr. Otto Goldberger, Head Assistant in the Stations Division; Charles R. Barnes, Head Assistant in charge of the Documents Division; and Miss Henrietta Lovi, Chief of the Order Division. They were all faithful and valued members of the staff, and in each case retirement was influenced by the wish to engage in an occupation less strenuous than the exacting requirements of library necessities. The year



prior there were added to the pension roll, L. A. Lange and John A. Young, who, owing to physical disabilities, found it impossible to continue their work. In all these cases the value of a pension system has been amply demonstrated.

Numerous requests from other libraries for information in detail concerning the library pension system in force here indicate a growing recognition that the value of the services rendered in work of this character is not to be measured by the stipend attached to each position but that faithful and meritorious service for a long period of years is entitled to special consideration on the part of governing bodies. As a rule salaries paid in the public libraries of the country are substantially less than those which are paid in other departments of municipal administration for corresponding responsibilities and professional equipment. While the Chicago Public Library's staff of employees has been salaried on about the same scale as in other large systems, some promise of better conditions is held out by the eventual working out of the grading scheme put into effect a couple of years ago and since modified in some particulars as a result of experience. This plan, too, has been observed with interest elsewhere and in a number of the larger libraries of the country has been adopted practically in the same form as here.

For a detailed financial statement we refer to the report of the secretary hereto attached, and for the detailed figures of circulation and general growth to the report of the librarian which follows. It will suffice to say that the aggregate circulation of books in all departments exclusive of those used for reference obtained from open shelves and exclusive of class room collections in the schools was 3,522,273. The entire number of volumes in the Library on the date which closed this report, May thirty-first, was 514,259.

Of the new work undertaken during the year attention may be called more particularly to the station deposits or traveling libraries which have been located along the outer rim of the city, in sections remote from other agencies of the Library. These

have proved very successful, and if the books were available many more similar stations could be established with equal promise. Another successful feature of the newer work attempted by the Library is that centered in the Civics Room whose resources during the past years have been used more extensively than had been anticipated when the room was opened thirteen months ago. Plans are under way for strengthening the equipment of this department by removing the quarters to the room adjacent to the document stacks where the entire work can be unified and carried on under more favorable conditions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. LAGORIO, *President*,  
MAX HENIUS, *Vice President*,  
MORTIMER FRANK,  
HENRY V. FREEMAN,  
PHILIP M. KSYCKI,  
SAMUEL DESPRES,  
CHAS. C. BREYER,  
MALCOLM McDOWELL,  
*Board of Directors.*

Chicago, June 16, 1913.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Public Library,  
Chicago, June 16, 1913.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Gentlemen:* As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1913:

### PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1913.

##### *Receipts.*

Taxes 1910 and prior years.....	\$ 1,035.43	
Taxes 1911 collected June 1, 1912, to December 31, 1912.....	207,376.44	
Taxes 1912 collected January 1, 1913, to May 31, 1913.....	147,528.48	
Interest on cash in hands of City Treasurer.....	1,121.87	
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Sale finding lists .....	\$ 673.46	
Books lost and paid for.....	1,194.60	
Miscellaneous .....	681.21	2,549.27
		<u>\$359,611.49</u>
Other receipts:		
Security deposits—deposits for library cards and books .....	\$ 3,027.20	
Less deposits refunded.....	2,929.65	97.55
		<u>\$359,709.04</u>
Fines for retention of books (paid to pension fund— <i>see</i> disbursements) .....	15,359.64	
Total receipts during year.....		<u>\$375,068.68</u>
Funds June 1, 1912:		
Balance cash in hands of City Treasurer.....	35,114.65	
Cash in banks and in Secretary's hands.....	1,667.65	
		<u>\$411,850.98</u>

*Disbursements.*

Books .....	\$ 35,136.22
Finding lists .....	3,155.03
Binding .....	19,321.85
Periodicals .....	6,425.48
Printing and stationery .....	4,907.06
Fuel .....	9,503.44
Electric supplies and repairs.....	1,098.51
Furniture and fixtures .....	2,830.52
Insurance .....	1,839.54
Repairs, alterations and improvements.....	7,098.71
Miscellaneous expense .....	3,590.35
Janitors expense .....	721.78
Heating and generating plant .....	1,125.57
Branch reading rooms, miscellaneous.....	6,813.73
Elevator supplies and repairs.....	249.78
Salaries, main library.....	170,204.42
Salaries, branch reading rooms.....	42,242.46
Salaries, delivery stations.....	11,745.70
Delivery stations, miscellaneous .....	5,768.60
Freight and expressage .....	158.56
Postage .....	1,354.00
Books lost and paid for—refunds.....	211.38
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$335,502.69</u>

Pension Fund:

Fines received paid into pension fund.....	\$ 15,359.64
	<u>\$350,862.33</u>

Funds May 31, 1913:

Cash in hands of City Treasurer.....	\$ 59,223.45
Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary.....	1,765.20

\$411,850.98

*Miscellaneous Funds.*

Sherman Park Fund:

Balance June 1, 1912.....		\$ 29.08
Expended for books .....	\$ 19.43	
Balance May 31, 1913.....	9.65	29.08

Austin Branch Insurance Fund:

Balance June 1, 1912.....		1,845.73
Expended for books .....	\$ 1,551.80	
Balance May 31, 1913.....	293.93	1,845.73

Morgan Park Book Fund:

Received August 31, 1912.....		424.94
Expended for books .....	424.94	

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*Trust Funds.*

## Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

Income from Investments:	
Hiram Kelly Fund.....	\$11,136.48
W. H. Ryder Fund.....	528.83
Jerome Beecher Fund.....	149.97
H. W. Jackson Fund.....	53.47
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	\$11,868.75
Balance June 1, 1912, in bank.....	19,645.06
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	\$31,513.81

*Disbursements.*

Ryder Fund income:			
Books purchased .....	\$	919.41	
Jackson Fund income:			
Books purchased .....		9.00	
Kelly Fund income:			
Furniture for Kelly Branch.....	\$	275.00	
Kelly Branch Library:			
Books .....	\$2,071.70		
Periodicals .....	224.00		
Binding .....	686.42		
Heat and light.....	828.19		
Salaries .....	5,387.11		
Miscellaneous .....	126.64		
Improvements .....	359.44	9,683.50	9,958.50
Balances May 31, 1913:			
Hiram Kelly Fund income.....	16,549.59		
Wm. H. Ryder Fund income.....	1,492.32		
Jerome Beecher Fund income.....	2,418.61		
H. W. Jackson Fund income.....	166.38	20,626.90	31,513.81
Capital Account:			
Receipts:			
Mortgage loan note repaid.....		4,500.00	
Certificate of deposit.....		685.54	
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		\$5,185.54	
Expended:			
Bonds .....	\$	4,945.00	
Certificate of deposit.....		202.88	
Accrued interest .....		37.66	\$5,185.54
Trust Funds:			
Hiram Kelly bequest .....	\$200,000.00		
Wm. H. Ryder bequest .....	10,000.00		
Jerome Beecher bequest .....	2,000.00		
H. W. Jackson bequest.....	1,000.00		
Hiram Kelly increment.....	65,000.00	\$278,000.00	
Investments:			
Municipal bonds .....	\$277,759.46		
Certificate of deposit .....	202.88		
Accrued interest .....	5.33		
Cash in bank .....	32.33	\$278,000.00	

We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the year ended May 31, 1913, and find them to be correct.

We were permitted by the City Treasurer's office to examine the library accounts in the books of the city, and we find the receipts of interest, taxes, etc., entered therein agree with the receipts in the library books.

In company with the members of the Finance Committee and the Secretary, we inspected the securities representing the various investments, all of which were produced to us.

We have also examined the foregoing statements and compared them with the books, vouchers and securities, and we certify them to be correct.

Yours faithfully,

WM. W. THOMPSON & CO.,

*Certified Public Accountants.*

*Books.*

Number of books in Library June 1, 1912.....	481,708
Number of books purchased the past year.....	39,035
Number of books donated the past year.....	6,368
Number of books acquired by binding.....	1,608
Other sources .....	456

Total number of books added past year..... 47,467

Number of books worn out the past year.....	9,503
Number of books lost and paid for.....	1,042
Number of books delinquent in 1911-12.....	349
Number of books missing in 1911-12.....	3,303
Number of books lost by fire at Austin Branch and not deducted in 1912.....	266
Duplicate volumes disposed of 1911-12.....	453

Total number of books subtracted the past  
year ..... 14,916

Total net additions the past year.....	32,551
Total number of volumes in Library June 1, 1913.....	514,259
Total number of volumes unaccounted for in inventory of 1913..	5,323

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. WILSON,

*Secretary.*

State of Illinois, }  
County of Cook. } ss.

I, H. G. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. WILSON,

*Secretary.*

Sworn and subscribed before me this sixteenth day of June, A. D. 1913.

JAMES BUGGIE,

*Notary Public.*

*List of Securities.*

No. of Bonds.	Description.	Rate.	Matur-ity.	Denomin-ation.	Total.
5	City of Chicago Judgment refunding.	4½%	1924	\$1,000	\$ 5,000.00
5	City of Chicago Judgment refunding.	4½%	1925	1,000	5,000.00
8	City of Chicago Judgment refunding.	4½%	1926	1,000	8,000.00
1	City of Chicago Judgment refunding.	4½%	1927	1,000	1,000.00
15	City of Chicago City Hall.....	4%	1927	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago City Hall.....	4%	1928	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago City Hall.....	4%	1929	1,000	15,000.00
38	Lincoln Park, Town of Lake View.	4%	1923	1,000	38,000.00
1	Lincoln Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	1,000.00
7	Lincoln Park Commissioners.....	4%	1925	1,000	7,000.00
2	Lincoln Park Commissioners.....	4%	1931	1,000	2,000.00
13	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1916	1,000	13,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1917	1,000	1,000.00
3	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	3,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	8,000.00
6	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1920	1,000	6,000.00
12	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	12,000.00
3	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1922	1,000	3,000.00
4	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	4,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1924	1,000	8,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1925	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	2,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1927	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	2,000.00
2	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	2,000.00
7	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	7,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	4,000.00
32	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	32,000.00
4	Sanitary District.....	4%	1919	1,000	4,000.00
6	Sanitary District.....	4%	1920	1,000	6,000.00
7	Sanitary District.....	4%	1922	1,000	7,000.00
3	Sanitary District.....	4%	1923	1,000	3,000.00
16	Sanitary District.....	4%	1926	1,000	16,000.00
1	Sanitary District.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
15	Sanitary District.....	4%	1930	1,000	15,000.00
3	School District No. 39, Cook County.	4%	....	500	1,500.00
1	North Shore Electric Co.....	5%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	Central Pacific Railway Co.....	4%	1949	500	500.00
	Certificate of deposit No. D7968, Union Trust Co.....		....	....	202.88
Total securities, par value.....					\$278,202.88

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Gentlemen:* Seed sown in the past five years is yielding harvests in multiplied plenty. During that period the work of the Reference Division has more than doubled, due in part to the creation of new specialized departments, such as the Civics Room, the Study Room for Women, and the addition of reference work in thirty branch centers in different sections of the city where before that time the work of the library was limited to the home distribution of books. The gain in circulation shows corresponding advance, the total issues having grown from 1,601,645 in 1908 to 3,428,638 in 1914.

So great has the public's pressure for service become that in all divisions of the institution, including every branch library, the members of the staff are hard pressed, both in the matter of time and of materials, to meet the demands. More advertising without amplifying the resources on the shelves and increasing the number of assistants would create additional demands which could not be adequately satisfied. It therefore remains for the responsible authorities to provide larger means for the administration of the library. Any other policy will inevitably cause the library work to remain stationary or to retrogress. Inasmuch as there are large areas of the city which are scarcely touched by library influences, such a course would seem not only unprogressive, but unjust to thousands of citizens who are entitled to equal privileges and are now deprived of them.

It is estimated that the inhabitants of Chicago now number 2,300,000. With its present equipment and facilities the library can serve not more than 10 per cent of them. The maximum has practically been reached at this time:

Borrowers registered .....	160,000
Borrowers in schools.....	30,000
Borrowers at deposit stations .....	25,000
Borrowers in industrial branches.....	20,000
Total .....	235,000



The remaining 2,065,000 persons who live in Chicago may be divided into the following groups of non-users:

Under 6 years of age.....	320,000
Illiterate .....	80,000
No time to read.....	300,000
No desire or opportunity to read.....	500,000
No convenient library facilities.....	865,000

The latter item represents the field which the library, to carry out its larger purposes and fullest measure of usefulness, must develop as soon as means are provided for the purpose.

## II

It can not be gainsaid that fully 75 per cent of the population, embracing residents of districts dependent wholly upon the delivery stations system, are indifferently served. This is due to conditions which appertain to this service and which can not be remedied fully except by substitution of branch libraries. Pending the authorization of a bond issue, or requisite funds otherwise levied, that will permit the expansion of the branch system, a chain of deposit stations has been devised to replace as rapidly as possible in districts where feasible, the unsatisfactory delivery stations now operated therein. Within the twelvemonth the few deposit stations experimentally established the year before have been added to rapidly, and there are now seventeen of them doing a flourishing business. As indicated in President Lagorio's annual review of library conditions, the circulation through the deposit stations as compared with that in delivery stations replaced by them, records gains varying in the individual instances from 200 to 400 per cent. The collections of books in them vary from 300 to 1,000 volumes. As they are conducted on the principle of a traveling library, the collection is a fluid one, additions and replacements occurring monthly, thereby keeping fresh and up to date each local group of books and giving patrons access to approximately six times as many titles in the course of a year as there are in the collection at any one time. The

circulation for an average month (May, 1914,) shows the active working possibilities of these small collections:

Brighton .....	901	West Pullman.....	1,518
Grand Crossing.....	1,574	Butler Memorial.....	703
Edison Park .....	673	Mayfair .....	1,040
Fernwood .....	568	West Englewood.....	858
Irving Park.....	704	Gano .....	718
Longwood .....	599	West Ridge.....	631
Norwood .....	241	Cheltenham .....	664
Rogers Park.....	1,045	St. James .....	205
Park Manor.....	1,057		

Most of the communities named above are in the outer zones of the city, the distances from the central library being from nine to sixteen miles.

### III

Supplementing the Deposit Stations and Branches are the Industrial Deposits, which now number 19 (exclusive of 17 special deposits). Except that their use is limited to the employees of the several establishments where located, they are administered in all respects as are the book collections in the branch libraries. Most of them are in charge of trained librarians who serve as the medium of contact with the Public Library and render assistance to heads of departments in need of reference material from the main collection of books, and also to employees who are taking correspondence courses or attending night schools. During the current year, the circulation of books through these agencies was 197,164.

Cordial co-operation on the part of the business managers controlling these industrial and commercial establishments has made possible the administration of the business house branches on a broad and generous basis. The employees in the several factories or other establishments number from 1,000 to 10,000; without the facilities thus offered, many thousands of them would be unable to use the Library because long distances between their homes and the nearest library agencies would practically debar them from such use. The agreement entered into

by the Library and each of the business houses concerned contemplates the following division of service and expense:

The firm supplies adequate quarters with necessary equipment of shelving and furniture, and employs a competent librarian to issue the books drawn for home use by their employees, and to aid the latter in such reference work as their interest in correspondence school courses, and evening school courses or courses of instruction financed by the firm, may demand. For books not represented in the deposit collection, choice may be made of books in the Central collection of the Library, the firm providing the transportation thereof by one of their wagons (usually a daily call).

The Library selects and provides the books, making exchanges at frequent intervals to keep the collection up to date and attractive, and supplies sets of printed finding lists to enable selection of books supplemental to the local collection. An added service is that of reference research at the main library on questions of business information and kindred topics.

Many of the firms have considerably enlarged the space devoted to their libraries since these were first installed, and have shown great interest in rendering them attractive as well as convenient for the use of their workers.

Their house organs devote space monthly to features of library interest, and to lists of books that appeal to those who are endeavoring to equip themselves for more responsible positions—including accounting, salesmanship, efficiency methods, and the special information required in departments devoted to textiles, ceramics, electrical appliances, interior decoration, window displays, advertising and allied subjects. Two of the firms also issue monthly library bulletins for distribution among their employees, and one of the firms utilizes the back of the menu cards in their house lunch room for like bulletin purposes. Some of the firms have added to the general collection encyclopedias, handbooks, dictionaries and other reference sets.

IV.

Chicago's branch library system has been evolved during the last five-year period. The Blackstone Memorial branch library building—the gift of Mrs. T. B. Blackstone—was opened for public use ten years ago. Five years elapsed before another branch was established. In the five years which then followed, and which bring the record up to date, twenty-nine additional branch libraries have been equipped and are now in operation, making a total of thirty at the present time. Of these, but three occupy buildings erected for the purpose or owned by the municipality, and all of these latter are memorial gifts—the Blackstone, Kelly and Walker branches. Of the remaining twenty-seven branches, seventeen are in park field houses; one in a building designed as a railway suburban station and converted to library use; two in institutional buildings; six in rented quarters; one in a school building.

From the list which follows, it will be noted that one branch was opened in 1904, one in 1909, eleven in 1910, six in 1911, five in 1912, one in 1913, four in 1914, to date. During the coming summer, three additional branches will be ready for occupancy in field houses:

1904—Blackstone (Jan. 11).

1909—Lewis Institute (Nov. 15).

1910—Lawndale (Aug. 22); West Twenty-sixth Street (Oct. 31); Stanford Park (May 23); Logan Square (Dec. 2); Burr School (Jan. 17); Hebrew Institute (Oct. 1); Austin (Jan. 20); Lincoln Centre (June 1); Mark White Square (Nov. 10); Sherman Park (Nov. 10); Cornell Square (Nov. 10).

1911—Davis Square (Nov. 20); Bessemer Park (Dec. 13); Ogden Park (Nov. 14); Hamlin Park (July 22); Eckhart Park (Feb. 1); Hiram Kelly (June 26).

1912—Dvorak Park (Jan. 15); Humboldt (May 27); Fuller (Feb. 5); Holstein (Dec. 16); Hamilton Park (Jan. 8).

1913—Armour Square (Oct. 1).

1914—Walker (April 24); Sumner School (May 18); Palmer Park (April 6); Sheridan (Feb. 28).

The increase of circulation in the branches for the past seven years is shown in the following table:

Year.	No. Branches.	Circulation.
1907-08.....	1	71,074
1908-09.....	1	70,486
1909-10.....	6	184,956
1910-11.....	12	592,454
1911-12.....	25	1,063,740
1912-13.....	26	1,396,422
1913-14.....	30	1,680,529

## V

Co-operation with the schools in extending the library service was continued. The special collection available for this purpose is far too meager to meet all calls, and a long waiting list of teachers desirous, but unable to secure class room collections emphasizes the urgent need for more books. Early in September the shelves in the School Department were bare. Ten times the number set aside for this purpose would be as readily exhausted. This does not take into account the needs of the Chicago Normal College, three practice schools, and twenty high schools, to some of which special collections have been loaned for six-week periods. Lack of material has restricted this service to the regret of the Library authorities and the disappointment of the progressive teachers concerned. It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when either the school funds or the Library funds will give opportunity, as there is now desire, for a more intimate relationship. In a number of the high schools there are "teacher-librarians" who render excellent service, but unfortunately have assigned to them so many classes that the period remaining free for library duties is too limited to permit full efficiency. There should be recognition of the time required for library work, there should be systematic instruction in the use of the library, and they should have time and materials for preparing subject bibliographies required by teachers.

In the grammar schools, the use of books provided by the Library has increased steadily. The record for five years is as follows:

1909-10 .....	25,000
1910-11 .....	60,586
1911-12 .....	79,994
1912-13 .....	112,992
1913-14 .....	180,459

One of the library branches is located in a school building—Burr School. Preparations are under way for opening another branch in a school building—Sumner School. Branches in school buildings, as demonstrated by a year's experience in Montefiore School, are administered under many difficulties which are absent elsewhere. Because of adult disinclination to use them, and of juvenile indifference to anything which savors of school associations, it requires constant and energetic effort to maintain with any degree of success branch libraries so located. In buildings where social center activities are also carried on, many of the difficulties are lessened. In these, and in a number of other school buildings otherwise favorably situated, there exists an opportunity for creating a new type of branch library—serving to strengthen the educational work of the school, and incidentally serving the general public. The hours could parallel the school hours. The librarian in charge should be especially equipped by education and experience to prove helpful to pupils and teachers. The book collection should be selected primarily with a view to its special use. The location should be on the ground floor, preferably adjacent to the street, and with a separate entrance. For reasons of economy the week-day hours might be as follows: Opening, 10:30 a. m.; closing, 6 p. m. That portion of the collection intended for the general public could be supplemented by calls on the Central collection either through the Library's general automobile delivery or through the Parcel Post. The librarian in charge could encourage the intelligent use of the Library by co-operating with the teachers in the matter of collateral reading, and by giving class instruction in the use of reference books. If it is at all possible to finance the scheme, it is recommended that in a number of school buildings selected with

a view to experimentation, the plan be tried during the ensuing year.

## VI

Up to three years ago there were four large, well-lighted and well-ventilated rooms in the Central building rarely used and as a rule with locked doors. Two of them are now in constant use by the public, one will be converted into an exhibition hall when funds for the necessary equipment become available. It is recommended that the fourth room referred to be furnished with the necessary shelving for a "foreign book room." The Library possesses approximately 68,000 volumes in foreign languages, apportioned as follows:

German literature .....	28,000	volumes
French literature .....	12,500	"
Italian literature .....	2,000	"
Spanish literature .....	1,500	"
Dutch literature .....	1,000	"
Bohemian literature .....	6,000	"
Polish literature .....	3,500	"
Russian literature .....	1,500	"
Scandinavian literature .....	8,500	"
Lithuanian literature .....	1,000	"
Hungarian literature .....	500	"
Yiddish literature .....	500	"
Lettish literature .....	500	"
Other languages .....	1,000	"
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	68,000	"

The room on the fourth floor adjacent to the Thomas Hughes room can comfortably house about one-half of this collection, embracing about 10,000 volumes in the German language, 5,000 in French and 15,000 in the other foreign languages of the seventeen represented in the Library. Such transfer of books from the main collection will relieve the crowded condition of the stacks in the core of the building and will prove fruitful in giving to foreign-born patrons of the Library added privileges of personal examination such as have been so largely appreciated since the Open Shelf division was installed on the third floor.

Out of a total of 882,516 minors enumerated in the last school census of Chicago, only 278,461 were children of American-born fathers. According to the last federal census, there were resident in Chicago at the time 1,693,918 white persons of foreign birth or parentage.

While practically all the children embraced in these groups prefer to read books in the English language and seldom take such books from the Library except for the use of their parents, there are thousands of adult men and women whose familiarity with the English language is so limited that they would be precluded from using the Library if books in their own tongues were not provided. The same census lists the population by countries of nativity, and includes twenty-three of them. This classification gives no complete view of the polyglot character of the population, for the reason that many sub-divisions of countries are merged with the larger governmental units, and certain distinctive racial groups are therefore missing altogether from this list; for instance, Bohemians are counted under Austria, Poles under Russia, etc. Croatians, Lithuanians, Letts, Slovaks, and a number of other dialectic groups largely represented in Chicago do not have separate enumeration. There are more Bohemians in Chicago than Prague can muster; there are more Italians here than can be counted in Florence or Venice; there are doubtless more Irish than Dublin possesses, and the Poles in Chicago outnumber those in the leading city of Poland. The Swedes of Chicago, if gathered together, would nearly duplicate Stockholm's population.

Books in seventeen different languages are obtainable through the central collection of the Library, or by delivery at the branches or stations. At the Main building, one section of the Open Shelf department is given over to special collections in German, French, Swedish, Dano-Norwegian, Yiddish, Italian, Bohemian, Polish and Lettish. In addition there are in the Library books in the following languages: Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, modern Greek, Russian, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Welsh, Japanese, and Chinese.



Deposit collections placed in some of the branches are taken from the main collection and are selected with special reference to the foreign groups to be served in localities tributary to the particular branches where these smaller collections may be drawn upon.

In a number of the branches, leading daily and weekly papers in these languages are kept on file, and also a number of magazines. In the Reading Room of the Main library, there are leading magazines and newspapers representative of the following foreign languages:

Periodicals—German, 80; French, 27; Bohemian, 5; Italian, 13; Spanish, 2; Norwegian, 5; Swedish, 8; Danish, 6; Dutch, 3; Hungarian, 2; Russian, 5; Polish, 3; Lithuanian, 1; Hebraic, 1.

Newspapers—Spanish, 1; German, 14; French, 3; Bohemian, 9; Polish, 11; Dutch, 4; Norwegian and Danish, 11; Swedish, 10; Italian, 5; Hungarian, 1; Portuguese, 1; Greek, 3; Lithuanian, 3; Slovak, 1; Croatian, 1.

So great is the demand at some of the branches, that the shelves set aside for foreign books are nearly always empty, volumes being borrowed as fast as they are returned. The Library is preparing to add about 6,000 volumes in foreign languages during 1914, but this supply will fall far short of the demand. It is also planned to issue the following finding lists during the coming year:

German—complete revision.

French—additions.

Slavic languages—a consolidated revision.

Yiddish—revision.

Russian—a new list.

Modern Greek—a new list.

Lettish—a new list.

Some of the minor deposit collections in commercial and industrial establishments also include books in foreign languages, and all of them are used a great deal. At the headquarters of the Woman's Trade Union League, similar collections are on deposit, many of the young women who frequent these quarters being

wholly unable to read English. Here, as elsewhere, the books in foreign tongues have a liberal inclusion of material on citizenship, naturalization, etc., and there are volumes dealing with the history and customs of the United States. Books of this character are eagerly read.

The need for the distribution of the foreign books through the branch and other deposits is shown by interesting population maps, one prepared by the survey students of the McCormick Theological Seminary, another by Miss Renee Stern of the School of Civics, and a third for local use at the Library. These show in striking form the varied population of Chicago, like islands of different nationalities scattered over the area. The most numerous are the Yiddish groups, while the largest are the Bohemian, Polish and Italian groups. In the three geographical divisions of the city, there are distinct population colonies, as follows:

West Side—German and Scandinavian, Polish, Bohemian, Jewish, Italian, Greek, mixed foreign.

North Side—German, Scandinavian and German, mixed foreign, Italian, Servian, Polish.

South Side—Polish, Jewish, Lithuanian, Italian, mixed foreign, Scandinavian, German, Hungarian, Croatian, Greek, Servian.

There are also a number of well-defined negro districts in the three divisions, the colored people numbering, according to the last count, 44,103, of whom 25,760 are listed as black, and 18,343 as mulatto. This is almost as large a colored population as may be found in Atlanta, Ga., or Richmond, Va. The negroes are numerically stronger in Chicago than in Louisville, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., or St. Louis, Mo. No special provision for them has been undertaken by the Library, but many of them avail themselves of the privileges at the Main and a number of the branch libraries.

## VII

In providing reading matter for the public, the Public Library does not leave out of account those who have been denied the

blessings of sight. It is estimated that there are in Chicago between 2,000 and 2,500 blind persons. For their enjoyment, the Library has a collection of 1,370 volumes in raised letters. While there is maintained in the north wing of the Main building on Michigan avenue and Randolph street, a reading room where applicants are given accommodations, most of the blind readers use the books in their homes. The federal government, by special enactment a few years ago, exempted from cost of postage books for the blind sent through the mails by public libraries for the use of their patrons. In this way, the Chicago Public Library sends out every year to all parts of the city hundreds of books having the raised characters which are read by sense of touch instead of sight.

Unfortunately, there are seven or eight different systems of letters in raised form, and as most blind readers have acquired familiarity with but one, the others are sealed volumes in the case of the individual user. The systems principally used in Illinois are the Moon, which more nearly corresponds to the Roman type, with certain variations, and the American Braille, represented by a combination of embossed dots. Most of those who have become blind after reaching adult years readily acquire easy use of the Moon system. Students of statistics referring to the blind are impressed with the fact of the great preponderance of adults among them. It is estimated that there are about 80,000 blind persons in the United States. At least 64,000 of these, 80 per cent, are over 21 years of age. The great majority of the adult blind are living in their own homes, yet their condition renders them pathetically isolated even when surrounded by those near and dear to them, and it is almost impossible to overestimate the benefit they derive from reading for themselves by means of embossed letters.

In the institutions for the blind, usually some system of embossed dots is taught. Unfortunately, however, several dot systems, diverse in underlying principles of construction in many of the characters used, and sometimes even in meanings assigned to the same characters, have become firmly established in this

country and abroad. Several great items of loss are experienced by blind readers as a result :

First—The lessening of available literature through the duplication of titles in different systems.

Second—The further limitation to readers familiar with only one system by their inability to use other systems.

To provide for as many blind readers as possible, the Chicago Public Library has acquired books embossed in the following systems :

American Braille.....	607 volumes
Moon .....	459 volumes
American Line.....	227 volumes
New York Point.....	77 volumes

The Jackson bequest received by the Library a few years ago, amounting to one thousand dollars, permits the purchase of a few additional volumes annually from this fund.

Last year there were circulated for home use 2,620 volumes, and 93 were used in the Room for the Blind at the Main Library.

A few months ago, through the generous volunteer efforts of the Conference of Jewish Women's Clubs, comprising forty-five organizations, free readings for the blind were instituted in the branch libraries on two Saturdays of each month.

## VIII

Intended primarily to furnish information on local questions, the Civics Room has broadened its scope in response to general demand so as to include federal and international, as well as municipal and state topics in the domain of political science, economics and sociology. The patronage has multiplied greatly, and the abundance of up-to-date material along certain lines of current interest has attracted new classes of users. There has been a notable decrease of casual readers and inquirers, and as notable an increase of patrons having practical and important purposes in view. Business men have found the department useful in

unexpected directions, and social workers, writers and officials have made larger use than before of the "box" material, which includes clippings, pamphlets and magazine separates. Students from the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Loyola University, School of Civics and Philanthropy, and other educational institutions have also come in increased numbers, and for their accommodation it has been well worth while to keep the room open at night until 10 o'clock. The privileges so accorded were also appreciated by hundreds of applicants studying for examinations announced from time to time by the Civil Service Commissions of city, county and state.

The total recorded attendance for the year was 52,304 persons, and they consulted 69,320 volumes and 121,650 pamphlets. The wide range covered by reference questions which came to this department for attention is indicated by the list which is subjoined, selected at random from one month's quota:

- Use of motion pictures in education.
- Municipal home rule for Chicago.
- Exports of leather from the United States.
- Municipal accounting—the forms used.
- Jute.
- Chicago's water system.
- Arguments for and against the Municipal Court Act.
- Silage: value for stock feed.
- History of the police department of Chicago.
- Text of the Irish home rule bill.
- "Three-fourths decision" in jury trials.
- Industrial accidents in the United States.
- Cities in the United States which have Public Welfare Boards.
- Collective bargaining.
- Manila hemp industry in the Philippines.
- Panama Canal Act passed during Taft's administration.
- Employment of the handicapped.
- Government ownership of the telegraph and telephone.
- A constitution of a co-operative organization.
- Building code of Chicago.

Organization of the Board of Pardons of Illinois.

Number of lynchings in Illinois in 1913.

Election laws of Indiana, Nevada, Montana and New Hampshire.

Monroe Doctrine.

Roosevelt's message on the Panama Canal in 1906.

Can first cousins marry in Kentucky?

Lever bill.

Montessori method.

American Consul-general to Berlin.

List of Indian agencies and reservation superintendents.

Family entrances of saloons in relation to juvenile delinquency.

What mayor of Chicago has served the longest period of time? Who has served next longest?

Something about the office of Public Defender in Los Angeles.

Municipal abattoirs.

Amount of money spent for golf and yachting by the idle rich.

Trust legislation.

Currency legislation.

How many people in the United States are grammar school graduates? High School graduates?

Brazil and Argentine Republic: (a) Population. (b) Cattle statistics. (c) Exports and imports.

To what extent will ocean freight rates be affected by Panama Canal tolls?

Number of unemployed in Chicago.

Regulation of building heights in the principal cities of the United States.

Housing conditions at Pullman.

Extent of financial interests by English investors in Mexico.

Is the child of an ambassador a citizen of the United States?

Number of wage earners in the United States.

The Mann act.

Restriction of immigration.

Co-operative agriculture and credits.

Enlargement of the Navy.

Proceedings of the school hygiene congress.

Municipal markets.

Attempted legislation in various states for voting by mail.

Syndicalism: an unbiased discussion.

White lists.

The Municipal Reference Department in the City Hall, although handicapped by insufficiency of staff, has done important and creditable work. Recognition of its usefulness is demonstrated by the appointment of Municipal Reference Librarian Rex as secretary of the Markets Commission. Digests of ordinances, statistical summaries and other material have been furnished many of the aldermen, among the topics being the following:

Statistics on probable saving effected by consolidation of park systems in Chicago.

Cost of producing a loaf of bread weighing one pound, baked in the city of Chicago.

Methods of garbage and refuse disposal in other American cities.

Anti-noise ordinances in other American and in European cities.

Electrification of steam railroads.

Municipal markets.

Data on annexation of towns.

Firemen's wages here and elsewhere.

Gas and electric light rates in cities of the United States.

Creation of residential and industrial zones.

Answers to some of the aldermanic inquiries have involved much research and correspondence. The results of two inquiries of importance instituted at the instance of Mayor Carter H. Harrison and one for Alderman Theodore K. Long have been issued in pamphlet form, as a series of municipal Reference Bulletins.

These are:

- No. 1. Rates of fare of public motor vehicles in fifteen large cities.
- No. 2. Municipal dance halls.
- No. 3. A study of rapid transit in seven cities.

## IX

The total number of volumes in the Library May 31, 1914, was 571,358. Increasing demands compel more liberal book purchases. That part of the collection available for home use numbered approximately 350,000 volumes. As the circulation for the year was nearly 3,500,000, there was an average issue of ten for each circulating book owned by the Library. Of the 350,000 volumes ready to respond to call, 125,000 are apportioned among the branches. The year's circulation in the branches was 1,680,529. Of this issue, 129,980 volumes were furnished from the central collection.

Until now the book fund has been too limited to permit the building up of a great nucleus of well-balanced reference material for future as well as for present use. Urgent needs have been so great and so steady that the Library has been unable to respond to more than the call of the hour out of the general fund. Notable additions have been made, however, through the Ryder fund, the income from which has continued to supply material for the Arts and Crafts Room.

The right choice of books is one of the important functions of the Library. Three chief purposes must enter into the making of book lists—education, information, recreation. Each represents a legitimate field, but a question of judgment enters into the proportion allotted within the limits of the book fund: Books of facts and experience, for the information they possess; books of inspiration, for the stimulus they give and the power they generate. As to the latter sort of books, what George Ticknor suggested to Edward Everett applies as forcefully today as when



he wrote his letter sixty-three years ago, before a free public library had been established in the United States:

"I would establish a library which differs from all free libraries yet attempted," he wrote. "I mean one in which any popular books, tending to moral and intellectual improvement, shall be furnished in such numbers of copies that many persons can be reading the same book at the same time; in short, that not only the best books of all sorts, but the pleasant literature of the day, shall be made accessible to the whole people when they most care for it; that is, when it is new and fresh."

However, the judicious selection of the pleasant literature of the day is not an automatic process. Mr. Arthur Balfour, in addressing a library conference in England not long ago, referred in trenchant phrase to "books printed yesterday, read today, and not improbably forgotten tomorrow." The tremendous output of the press today would shrink enormously were the new books limited to those worth while. Every book of an inferior type that is purchased necessarily displaces a better one.

So large is the proportion of currently issued novels whose plots are inextricably intertwined with sex complications, that during the past year the Chicago Public Library has admitted to its shelves no fiction until passed upon by members of the staff after personal examination. Considering the enormous annual output, this has involved a tremendous labor, but the time and effort have been worth while as a means of exclusion which could be arrived at in no other way. Book reviews in periodicals are not necessarily dependable, and the name of an author in this era of pot-boiling does not assure the worth of the product which bears his name on the title page—as too trusting librarians have found out to their mortification and embarrassment.

This does not mean that a public library is warranted in withholding from its patrons any and all novels which deal frankly with sex problems. Many books in this class are wholly good, in a moral as well as in a literary sense. It all depends upon the attitude which the author manifests in the development

of the story. If the code of morals adopted by his characters goes counter to that accepted by law and society, and the author conveys by his delineation approval of it, that book's right to the fellowship of the library may well be questioned. If the subjects of religion and family ties and the sacred obligations of life are treated with contempt, or flippancy or cynicism, that book is undesirable. On the other hand, there are books which deal with the sex relations of men and women as pages from life, without reserve, but which have a sureness of touch and intellectual grip that make them more moral than some of the spineless novels whose false conceptions of life and counterfeit ideals warp character inconceivably more than a portrayal of sex delinquency.

The public libraries endeavor to distinguish between a mass of moral filth gathered to sell at \$1.50 per volume, and a book that depicts with sincerity, even though with candor, what life is, with its upheavals and its penalties for transgression of laws that society has been compelled for its own preservation to make mandatory. Such are many of the novels of Thackeray and Meredith, and such are some of the novels of Dreiser, Wharton, Alice Brown, Herrick and some others of the modern groups of problem writers.

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Appended hereto are statistical summaries showing in detail the general work of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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Librarian.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Home circulation, including schools, 3,428,638; a gain of 391,603 over previous year.

Daily average circulation, 11,261.

School circulation, 180,459.

Number of branches, 30; delivery stations, 74; deposit stations, 17; business house deposits, 19; special deposits, 17; school deposits, 559. Total number of agencies, 716.

Books issued in Reference Room, exclusive of open shelf volumes, 394,460.

Books issued in Art Room, 44,179.

Volumes consulted in Civics and Patents Rooms: Documents, 15,576; magazines, 18,535; bound newspapers, 7,836; books for blind, 273; directories, 22,015; pamphlets, 121,650; books, 13,194; patents, 99,385.

Number of employees in all departments, 320; total pay-roll, \$233,585.39.

Number of registered card holders, 160,650; locally registered in deposit stations, 25,000; industrial branches, 20,000; schools, 30,000; total number of users, 235,000.

## GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

The number of volumes in the library on May 31, 1914, was 571,358, a net increase of 57,099 over the number reported at the close of last year. The gross accessions of the year numbered 78,231 volumes. Of these, 73,228 were purchased, 2,670 were donated, 1,434 were acquired by binding periodicals, 398 by binding reports and pamphlets, 1 was taken from the duplicate room, 29 were received in exchange and 354 were books which had been lost and paid for, or missing in previous years and now recovered and re-accessioned; 117 were replaced by borrowers or guarantors.

There were deducted from the total number of volumes in the library during the past year the following items: Books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 13,629; books lost and paid for, 1,179; books unaccounted for in the annual inventory of 1912-13, 5,033; books not recovered from delinquent borrowers in 1912-13, 874; 554 duplicate volumes disposed of in 1913-14. Of the books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 3,699 were English prose fiction, 7,655 were juvenile books, 1,279 were books in foreign languages, and 996 in all other classes.

The entire amount expended for books, from all funds, was \$65,725.98, which includes purchases for branch libraries and reading rooms.

Cost of books.....	\$65,779.48
Cost of periodicals.....	6,447.68
Cost of binding.....	25,095.37
Number books accessioned.....	78,231
Number pamphlets accessioned.....	2,805

### HOME CIRCULATION

The Circulation Department of the main library was open on 305 days during the year. The department was closed on Sundays and holidays, but was open on week-days from 9 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Exclusive of school circulation, the total number of books issued for home use was 3,248,179, an increase of 324,136 volumes, or 11 per cent over the previous year. The total daily average home circulation was 11,261, as compared with a total daily average of 9,587 of the previous year. The school circulation was 180,459, making a total home use of 3,428,638. The largest number of books issued for home circulation in any one day at the main library was 7,393 on February 14, 1914; the least number 3,342, on September 15, 1914. The fines received from delinquent book borrowers amounted to \$16,803.41. The number of notices sent to borrowers and guarantors was 36,729. The total home circulation, including the branches and deposit collections, is shown in the following table, month by month, giving the monthly average home circulation for the past two years. The branches were open for circulation on every day of the year except Christmas, Fourth of July, and Sundays from June 15 to September 15.

#### RECORDED ISSUES

Home circulation.....	3,248,179
Reference Room.....	394,460
Art Room.....	44,179
Schools.....	180,459
Civics Room.....	190,970
Patents Room.....	99,385
Bound Newspapers.....	7,836
Reading Room.....	145,735
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	4,311,203

No count was kept at the Central library, nor at any of the branches of Open Shelf books used on the premises.

1913-1914				1912-1913			
Month.	Days	Circulation	Week day av'ge	Month.	Days	Circulation	Week day av'ge
June .....	25	213,895	8,548	June .....	25	207,592	8,304
July .....	25	209,718	8,389	July .....	26	215,523	8,289
August .....	26	207,234	7,971	August .....	27	223,411	8,274
September ..	25	204,648	8,186	September ..	24	199,745	8,327
October .....	27	255,172	9,451	October .....	27	240,589	8,911
November ..	24	281,216	11,717	November ..	25	258,632	10,345
December ..	26	305,178	11,738	December ..	25	250,037	10,001
January .....	26	332,166	12,776	January .....	26	278,051	10,694
February ...	24	312,158	13,007	February ..	22	260,709	11,850
March .....	26	346,004	13,308	March .....	26	290,203	11,162
April .....	26	304,441	11,709	April .....	26	255,876	9,841
May .....	25	276,349	11,054	May .....	26	243,675	9,372
Total ....	305	3,248,179	128,304	Total ....	305	2,924,043	115,370

The number of books loaned on requisitions received from libraries outside of the city, asking for the loan of books under the inter-library loan plan, was 79.

The recorded circulation of books deposited in public schools increased from 112,992 the previous year to 180,459. The deposit stations at the close of the year, exclusive of schools, 123 of which were reached, numbered 15, traveling libraries, 18; settlements and clubs, 23. The number of books on deposit May 31 was 27,000, and the circulation during the year was as follows:

Deposit stations.....	168,192
Traveling libraries.....	107,236
Settlements and clubs.....	28,479
Schools .....	180,459
Total .....	484,366

The school circulation is given in the following table, showing the number of class rooms supplied in the different schools and also the average number of weeks the volumes were in use:

School.	Vols.	No. of class rooms.	Circulation.
Albany Avenue.....	45	1	234
Altgeld .....	150	3	1,807
Barnard .....	91	2	612
Brainard .....	250	5	2,674
Bryant .....	275	8	2,759
Burns .....	50	1	568
Burnside .....	200	4	1,278
Cameron .....	50	1	329
Carter Practice.....	150	3	985
Chase .....	245	5	883
Clarke .....	50	1	196
Clay .....	200	4	2,410
Cleveland .....	300	7	2,976
Colman .....	25	1	175
Coonley .....	140	3	571
Cooper .....	440	9	2,923
Corkery .....	50	1	778
Curtis .....	350	7	3,421
Davis .....	50	1	181
Drake .....	150	3	1,196
Drummond .....	605	14	4,508
Dunning .....	145	3	886
Emmett .....	50	1	1,056
Ericsson .....	100	2	505
Fallon .....	160	3	1,039
Farragut .....	455	10	5,836
Farren .....	390	9	2,230
Fiske .....	50	1	228
Forestville .....	39	2	123
Foster .....	202	5	897
Franklin .....	50	1	162
Gage Park .....	100	2	413
Gary .....	300	6	1,048
Gladstone .....	240	5	1,793
Goudy .....	50	1	125
Graham .....	295	6	1,847
Grant .....	50	1	204
Gray .....	250	5	1,374

School.	Vols.	No. of class rooms.	Circulation.
Greene .....	300	7	1,496
Gresham .....	230	6	1,101
Haines Practice.....	50	1	259
Hamlin .....	50	1	174
Hammond .....	335	11	2,457
Harper .....	295	6	1,376
Haugan .....	560	12	3,265
Hawthorne .....	50	1	665
Herzel .....	50	1	262
Holmes .....	190	4	1,589
Howland .....	1,504	39	10,458
Immaculate Conception.....	50	1	363
Irving .....	90	2	457
Keeler Avenue.....	50	1	369
Kohn .....	302	10	1,714
Kosciuszko .....	150	3	1,317
Lafayette .....	595	13	4,320
Lake High .....	145	4	894
Lake View High.....	238	5	814
Lane High.....	50	1	115
Langland .....	550	12	2,721
Lawson .....	440	9	2,849
Linne .....	300	5	2,300
Lloyd .....	100	2	310
Logan .....	107	2	645
Longfellow .....	255	5	3,850
Lowell .....	340	7	3,997
McAllister .....	50	1	188
McClellan .....	50	1	350
McCormick .....	20	1	120
McCosh .....	920	19	5,612
McPherson .....	427	8	2,616
Mann .....	100	2	321
Montefiore .....	275	6	2,681
Mulligan .....	80	2	745
Nettelhorst .....	243	5	990
Newberry .....	100	2	569
Nobel .....	437	9	1,850
Otis .....	200	4	1,100
Parental .....	395	10	2,871
Parkman .....	393	8	3,839
Phillips .....	99	3	213
Plamondon .....	100	2	1,020
Prescott .....	100	2	620

School.	Vols.	No. of class rooms.	Circulation.
Pulaski .....	100	2	499
Pullman .....	50	1	100
Raster .....	150	4	1,892
Raymond .....	80	2	136
Revere .....	145	3	990
Riverdale .....	50	1	350
Ryerson .....	75	1	733
St. Basil.....	100	2	392
St. Brendan.....	50	1	450
St. Cecilia .....	50	1	261
St. Elizabeth.....	22	1	44
St. Patrick .....	47	2	170
St. Rose of Lima.....	38	1	133
St. Sebastian.....	19	1	76
Sawyer Avenue.....	150	4	763
Scanlan .....	300	6	2,342
Schneider .....	50	2	733
Schurz .....	141	4	632
Scott .....	50	1	105
Seward .....	350	6	2,219
Sexton .....	100	3	1,545
Skinner .....	95	2	1,118
Smyth .....	300	6	2,250
Spalding .....	240	7	680
Spencer .....	50	1	129
Sullivan .....	650	14	5,840
Thorp, J. N.....	250	5	1,195
Thorp, O. A.....	140	6	993
Throop .....	190	4	726
Tilden .....	95	2	484
Trumbull .....	600	12	3,823
Visitation .....	588	10	4,534
Warren .....	355	8	1,662
Waters .....	50	1	78
Wells .....	200	5	470
Wentworth .....	290	6	1,760
West Pullman.....	1,010	21	11,186
Whitney .....	40	1	315
Whittier .....	50	1	188
Wicker Park.....	50	1	78
Yates .....	50	1	837
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			179,676
Special deposits in schools for reference.....			576
Total .....			<hr/> 180,459



The branch circulation figures for the year are as follows:

	Direct	Station	Total	No. Vols. in branch
Armour Square.....	14,720	5,899	20,619	2,328
Austin .....	106,162	6,470	112,632	7,260
Bessemer Park.....	28,474	3,304	31,778	2,561
Blackstone .....	75,435	3,656	79,091	16,054
Burr School.....	44,812	3,450	48,262	5,192
Cornell Square.....	39,512	1,801	41,313	2,974
Davis Square.....	22,122	1,461	23,583	2,569
Dvorak Park.....	41,604	3,048	44,652	3,016
Eckhart Park.....	58,405	2,097	60,502	4,495
Fuller Park.....	50,044	2,395	52,439	4,706
Hamilton Park.....	49,615	4,619	54,234	3,431
Hamlin Park .....	43,022	2,436	45,458	4,168
Hebrew Institute.....	91,328	21,695	113,023	6,461
Holstein Park.....	44,406	1,510	45,916	2,409
Humboldt .....	48,874	6,813	55,687	3,164
Kelly .....	142,420	6,439	148,859	12,394
Lawndale .....	57,561	2,997	60,558	4,930
Lewis Institute.....	116,502	8,318	124,820	9,812
Lincoln Center.....	66,896	4,901	71,797	5,192
Logan Square.....	80,467	5,326	85,793	6,218
Mark White.....	43,331	2,308	45,639	3,186
Ogden Park.....	57,893	5,800	63,693	3,503
Palmer Park.....	6,751	223	6,974	1,122
Seward Park.....	6,839	7,386	14,225	993
Sheridan .....	17,344	589	17,933	3,764
Sherman Park.....	50,746	3,213	53,959	4,437
Stanford .....	51,708	7,647	59,355	5,534
Sumner School.....	1,126	1	1,127	993
Walker .....	881	4	885	6,978
West Twenty-Sixth Street..	91,549	4,174	95,723	6,253
	<u>1,550,549</u>	<u>129,980</u>	<u>1,680,529</u>	<u>146,097</u>

## REGISTRATION

During the three years ending May 31, 1914, the statistics of the Registry Department show that 179,394 cards were issued. There were canceled during this period 18,744 cards, leaving the number of live cards outstanding at the close of the year,

160,650. Of the total number of cards issued during the year, 16,003 were applied for at the Main Library and 50,228 at the delivery stations and branches. This is exclusive of local cards issued at the traveling library stations, business house stations, etc. There were issued 1,204 teachers' cards, 41,856 non-fiction cards, 1,116 vacation cards, 11,459 juvenile cards, 15,896 juvenile non-fiction cards, 92 research cards, 158 students' cards, 8 special cards, 425 summer cards, and there were 1,741 books issued on deposit. Number of cards lost and replaced by new cards was 8,682.

### DELIVERY STATIONS

The circulation of books for home use through the delivery stations was 804,987, a decrease of 78,379 as compared with last year. The number of delivery stations in operation at the close of the year was 104, as compared with 113 the previous year. The amount expended for compensation of delivery station keepers and for transportation service was \$7,385.19.

### REFERENCE ROOM

The number of recorded visitors to the Reference Room was 151,870. The total number of volumes issued from the stack rooms was 394,460, which shows an increase of 16,590 volumes when compared with last year's report. No estimate is possible of the number of open-shelf books used in the room. The largest attendance at any one time was 317 at 3 o'clock on March 28, 1914.

The classification of books used in the Reference Room is as follows:

	Volumes.	Pct.
Arts and sciences.....	145,891	36.90
History and biography .....	59,611	15.20
Bound periodicals.....	48,455	12.30
Geography and travels.....	35,517	9.00
Language and literature .....	67,406	17.10
All other classes.....	37,580	9.50
	<hr/> 394,460	<hr/> 100.00

### ART ROOM

The Art Room was visited by 11,850 readers, who consulted 44,179 books.

### WOMEN'S STUDY ROOM

The Women's Study Room was visited by 6,365 readers, who consulted 15,161 books. (This count is for seven months only.)

### READING ROOM

The average number of persons present in the Reading Room at the close of each hour from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. was 232. The maximum average attendance throughout the year was at 3 o'clock, when 298 readers were counted, as against 275 during the year before. The largest number present in the room at one time was 479, on December 29, 1913, at 3 o'clock.

The number of newspapers and magazines on file in the Reading Room is 1,220.

The amount expended for newspapers and periodicals for branches and reading rooms was \$6,512.68, exclusive of \$230.00 expended for the Kelly Branch out of the Kelly Branch fund. The South Park Commissioners supplied the magazines for the South Side branches.

Visitors .....	907,500
Serials on file.....	1,220
Cost of serials.....	\$6,447.68

### CIVICS ROOM

The attendance in the Civics Room was 52,304 during the year. There were consulted in this room 15,576 documents, 18,535 magazines, 22,015 directories, 121,650 pamphlets and 13,194 books.

### PATENTS ROOM

The attendance in the Patents Room was 29,063 during the year. There were consulted in this room 99,385 patents, 7,836 bound newspapers and 273 books for the blind.

### BOOKS FOR THE BLIND

The collection of books for the blind now numbers 1,442 volumes, comprising 642 volumes in Braille print, 480 in Moon type, 225 volumes in American Line, and 95 volumes in New York Point. Seventy-two volumes were added during the year. There were circulated for home use 2,789 volumes; 273 volumes were used at the Main Library.

### ADMINISTRATION

The entire number of persons employed in all departments of the library service at the close of the year was 320, an increase of seven over last year. The pay-rolls of the Main Library, branches, delivery stations and traveling libraries amounted to \$240,970.78, exclusive of \$6,134.75 for the Kelly Branch and \$651.48 for the Sheridan Branch, both of which were paid out of the Kelly Branch fund.

## BINDING

The number of volumes bound during the year was 63,854. Of these 56,729 were newly bound or rebound, and 7,125 were resewed in the old covers. There were repaired in the Binding Department 69,270 books; 12,615 were repaired at the binderies. The books relabeled during the year numbered 57,388 volumes. The amount expended for binding was \$25,683.79.

## ANNUAL INVENTORY

The total number of books missing at the close of the year was 5,150, as compared with 5,691 in 1912-13. Of these 1,059 are missing at the Main Library and 4,091 in the branches. Of the books unaccounted for in last year's inventory, 658 have since been found.

## CATALOG DEPARTMENT

During the year 33,070 volumes were cataloged and classified. Of these 9,130 were new titles, 11,159 were extra copies and 3,101 were replacements, and 777 were recataloged. Continuations of books and periodicals numbered 1,735.

There have been added to the public card catalog 29,287 cards, 11,795 of them being subject cards. Additions and corrections comprised 5,878. The official card catalog was augmented by 31,696, including additions, corrections and foreign deposit collection cards.

There were ordered from the Library of Congress for the main building 8,326 titles, for which 6,210 were received, and 2,116 cards ordered were not received. There was no record kept of cards added to eight departmental catalogs in the main building.

## CIRCULATION OF BOOKS 1913-14

Year	Home circulation of books	Daily average circulation	Books issued through Delivery stations	Books issued through branches (direct or station)	Fines collected
1874	7,659	295	.....	.....	\$ 3.65
1875	399,156	1,313	.....	.....	2,648.72
1880	306,751	1,002	.....	.....	1,775.72
1885	519,691	1,704	65,271	.....	3,088.00
1890	843,971	2,830	201,257	.....	4,853.75
1895	1,147,862	3,816	545,866	.....	5,543.88
1900	1,749,775	5,769	1,143,391	.....	7,196.98
1905	1,336,199	4,400	788,657	4,336	6,732.20
1906	1,411,106	4,548	846,802	36,343	7,484.91
1907	1,414,292	4,521	844,415	52,451	8,284.65
1908	1,601,645	5,046	954,000	71,074	8,662.83
1909	1,777,142	5,885	1,129,450	70,486	9,162.63
1910	1,805,012	5,938	1,135,848	184,956	10,151.94
1911	2,256,022	7,397	1,075,376	592,454	12,851.36
1912	2,587,232	8,455	948,815	1,063,740	14,196.22
1913	3,037,035	9,587	883,366	1,396,422	15,359.64
1914	3,428,638	11,261	804,987	1,680,529	16,803.41

## BOOK ACCESSIONS 1913-14.

Year	Volumes in library	Total accessions	Volumes purchased	Volumes donated	Expended for books	Books worn out	Accessions of pamphlets
1874	18,183	11,331	9,899	1,432	\$10,733.11	.....	2,638
1875	39,236	21,053	20,122	969	28,410.63	38	1,944
1880	67,772	8,440	7,799	641	7,404.52	1,137	487
1885	111,621	6,836	5,692	1,144	6,899.14	698	3,201
1890	156,242	10,908	10,073	835	11,148.66	3,507	1,635
1895	211,157	18,485	16,727	975	19,431.18	5,595	1,236
1900	258,498	12,911	9,651	1,622	12,476.70	3,905	1,807
1905	304,510	22,879	18,436	2,097	19,884.79	8,002	3,456
1906	323,610	26,236	22,616	1,997	24,013.53	6,365	4,042
1907	339,282	24,987	21,927	1,438	20,078.07	8,303	2,596
1908	352,093	25,843	22,353	1,765	24,262.76	11,466	1,499
1909	365,349	28,197	25,303	1,315	27,064.70	12,900	868
1910	402,848	55,990	51,482	2,693	45,520.85	14,688	132
1911	448,073	58,644	54,504	2,070	46,283.09	10,020	2,022
1912	481,708	50,952	45,834	3,655	43,190.29	10,340	1,944
1913	514,259	47,467	39,035	6,368	38,136.33	9,503	1,734
1914	571,358	78,231	73,228	2,670	65,779.48	21,132	2,805

## CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS

	Vols. in library May 31, 1913	Total ac- cessions 1913-14	Net ac- cessions 1913-14	Vols. in library May 31, 1914
History .....	26,353	1,359	1,112	27,465
Biography .....	18,349	986	836	19,185
Travels .....	16,894	1,478	1,341	18,235
Poetry and Drama.....	11,924	1,318	1,149	13,073
Essays and Miscellanies....	6,038	432	349	6,387
Polygraphy and C. W.....	4,699	.....	.....	4,699
Fine Arts .....	12,543	2,790	2,494	15,037
Natural Science .....	13,543	1,107	931	14,474
Practical Arts .....	31,061	2,867	2,266	33,327
Political and Social Science	15,178	2,858	2,668	17,846
Language and Literature...	11,277	1,322	1,098	12,375
Mental and Moral Science..	8,841	1,221	1,114	9,955
Ancient Classics .....	1,783	49	29	1,812
Religion .....	9,664	623	571	10,235
Medicine .....	2,050	342	287	2,337
Law .....	1,400	123	120	1,520
Periodicals .....	52,017	1,566	1,007	53,024
Documents .....	29,136	833	833	29,969
Bibliography .....	5,113	273	273	5,386
Dictionaries, etc. ....	7,585	656	641	8,226
English Fiction .....	94,378	17,600	12,662	107,040
Juvenile .....	70,350	34,742	23,186	93,536
German Literature .....	26,356	1,092	386	26,742
French Literature .....	12,294	157	40	12,334
Italian Literature .....	1,962	15	-25	1,937
Spanish Literature .....	1,212	9	4	1,216
Portuguese Literature .....	44	.....	.....	44
Dutch Literature .....	1,483	1	-9	1,474
Bohemian Literature .....	5,190	741	428	5,618
Polish Literature .....	2,789	934	789	3,578
Lettish Literature .....	477	14	13	490
Russian Literature .....	903	16	-18	885
Scandinavian Literature ...	8,042	641	546	8,588
Hungarian Literature .....	231	9	4	235
Lithuanian Literature .....	624	13	12	636
Welsh Literature .....	7	.....	.....	7
Yiddish .....	943	23	-58	885
Japanese and Chinese Lit..	133	1	1	134
Other Languages .....	23	2	1	24
Books for the Blind.....	1,370	18	18	1,388
Total .....	514,259	78,231	57,099	571,358







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## STANDING COMMITTEES

1914-1915

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# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

APRIL 11, 1872, TO JULY 1, 1915,

WITH THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| Allen, James Lane, 1880-82.               | Herhold, Frederick H., 1897-1901. |
| *Anthony, Elliott, 1872-77.               | Hirsch, Emil G., 1888-97.         |
| *Armstrong, Geo. B., 1881-82;<br>1908-11. | Hotz, Ferdinand C., 1875-81.      |
| Barr, Alfred E., 1899.                    | *Hoyne, Thos., 1872-75.           |
| Beebe, Wm. H., 1887-89.                   | Hutchinson, Chas. L., 1898-01.    |
| *Billings, Albert M., 1875-78.            | Hynes, Wm. J., 1881-87.           |
| *Blodgett, Edward A., 1908-10.            | *Kadlec, L. W., 1880-89.          |
| Bowers, James F., 1901-08.                | Kaspar, Wm., 1889-94.             |
| Bradley, J. Harley, 1887.                 | Keeley, Thos. F., 1894-97.        |
| Breyer, Charles C., 1913-14.              | *Kent, Wm. D., 1888-89.           |
| *Brine, Geo. J., 1886-87.                 | Ksycki, Philip M., 1911-14.       |
| *Brosseau, Z. P., 1893-96; 1901-07.       | Kuflewski, W. A., 1899-02.        |
| *Callaghan, B., 1880-96.                  | Lagorio, Antonio, 1906-15.        |
| Cigrand, B. J., 1903-10.                  | Lewke, Otto W., 1897-1900.        |
| Collins, Michael J., 1912-13.             | Lindstrand, Frans A., 1903-06.    |
| *Curran, Wm., 1882-83.                    | *Loewenthal, B., 1875-82.         |
| Despres, Samuel, 1903-06; 1912-<br>15.    | Lowe, John W., 1902-06.           |
| Diener, T. C., 1893-95.                   | McCormick, Robert S., 1895-01.    |
| Dreyer, Edw. S., 1889-95.                 | McDowell, Malcolm, 1913-14.       |
| Eckhart, John W., 1901-07.                | MacMillan, T. C., 1882-87.        |
| Egan, Dennis J., 1903-05.                 | Mannhardt, Emil, 1885-88.         |
| *Enright, John W., 1883-88.               | Mason, George, 1874-80.           |
| *Forrester, Robert H., 1879-80.           | Mayer, Oscar, 1914-15.            |
| Frank, Mortimer, 1910-13.                 | Meeker, Arthur, 1900-03.          |
| Franks, Jacob, 1897-03.                   | *Moos, Bernhard, 1887-96.         |
| Freeman, Henry V., 1910-13.               | *Moses, Adolph, 1882-88.          |
| Fyffe, Colin C. H., 1903-05.              | Novak, John L., 1905-08.          |
| Garibaldi, John G., 1900-02.              | Onahan, Wm. J., 1874-81.          |
| *Gunderson, S. T., 1895-98.               | O'Connell, T. Frank, 1913-16.     |
| *Hamilton, John B., 1896-98.              | Peabody, Francis S., 1899-03.     |
| *Hatch, Azel F., 1890-93; 1894-<br>1900.  | Plamondon, Chas. A., 1899-02.     |
| *Hayes, Samuel S., 1872-75.               | Pokorney, Frank J., 1913-16.      |
| Healy, J. J., 1913-16.                    | *Queal, Robert F., 1872-76.       |
| Hedenberg, James W., 1895-98.             | *Raster, Hermann, 1872-75.        |
| Heldmann, Geo. D., 1902-03.               | Rawson, Frederick H., 1908-11.    |
| Henius, Max, 1911-17.                     | Rend, Wm. P., 1889-92.            |
|   | Rogers, Henry W., 1883-85.        |
|   | *Rosenthal, Julius, 1872-75.      |
|   | Roulston, Robert J., 1905-13.     |

- Rubens, Harry, 1879-85.  
 Ryan, Andrew J., 1898-99.  
 \*Schmidt, Ernst, 1881-82.  
 \*Scranton, Abner R., 1876-79.  
 \*Sheahan, James W., 1872-74.  
 \*Shields, Michael, 1902-03.  
 \*Shorey, Daniel L., 1872-80.  
 \*Shortall, John G., 1886-95.  
 \*Smith, Pliny B., 1888-94.  
 \*Smith, Robert J., 1890-93.  
 Smith, Sidney, 1877-79.  
 \*Smyth, John M., 1892-95.  
 \*Sheahan, Jas. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20, 1872.  
 \*Wickersham, W. B., Secretary from July 20, 1872, to October 15, 1908.  
 Wilson, Harry G., Acting Secretary, October 15, 1908, to March 11, 1909. Secretary since March 11, 1909.  
 \*Poole, Wm. F., LL. D., Librarian from October 25, 1873, to August 1, 1887.  
 Hild, Frederick H., Librarian from October 15, 1887, to April 30, 1909.  
 Roden, Carl B., Acting Librarian from May 1, 1909, to October 11, 1909.  
 Legler, Henry E., Librarian since October 11, 1909.
- Sprague, Otho S. A., 1878-81.  
 Stern, Julius, 1906-12.  
 \*Swazey, Arthur, 1885-87.  
 Taylor, Graham, 1906-12.  
 Umbdenstock, Michael, 1887-90.  
 Van Osdel, John M., 1896-99.  
 Wait, Horatio L., 1910-13.  
 \*Walker, J. B., 1875-83.  
 Waterman, Arba N., 1908-10.  
 \*Wells, Wm. H., 1882-85.  
 \*Williams, Norman, 1887-89.  
 \*Woodard, Willard, 1872-74.

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\*Deceased.



## LIBRARY STAFF

May 31, 1915

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ADMINISTRATION—Henry E. Legler, *librarian*; Carl B. Roden, *assistant librarian*; Gertrude C. Shine, *librarian's secretary*; Walter A. Faerber, *page*.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE—Harry G. Wilson, *secretary*; Emanuel Holy, Minnie E. Wills, James W. McGovern, Ray A. O'Connell.

ORDER DIVISION—Caroline Bernhardt, *principal assistant*; Katherine E. Brady, Anna V. Donnelly, Rose Lillibridge, Ethel Owen, Bessie H. Palmer, *senior assistants*; Deane Horrobin, *page*.

CATALOG DIVISION—Bessie Goldberg, *chief*; Gladys Arnold, Lucy E. Brown, Emily T. Larson, Amelia M. Platt, Anna C. Reque, *principal catalogers*; Irma L. Snyder, J. Cornelia Wyse, *senior catalogers*; Florence Arnold, Samuel Kaplan, Pyrrha B. Sheffield, *senior assistants*; Minnie Grube, *multigraph operator*.

CIRCULATION DIVISION—James C. Barbee, *chief*; May I. Carroll, George S. King, *head assistants*; Margaret C. O'Shaughnessy, *principal assistant*; Elizabeth Barnes, James E. Edwards, Irene Ives, Mary Moser, Jessie E. Reed, Lora A. Rich, *senior assistants*; Louise Ayers, Florence L. Berg, Frances Burke, Katharine H. Firebaugh, Daisy Furchgott, Irma A. Sachen, Henry Trivisonno, *junior assistants*; Stanley Beck, James Berardo, Morris Cohen, Chester Cole, Chauncey Cummings, Richard Erwin, George S. Harris, Tony Hrdalo, Michael Janowsky, Abe Levy, Frank Magilner, Charles R. Patterson, Tony Petrone, Maurice Pick, Harold Regan, Charles Rich, Alfred C. Rogers, Isaac Salanovitz, Edward Saperstein, Louis Saperstein, Sol Sax, Reuben Weathers, Arthur B. Wilkes, *pages*.

STATIONS DIVISION—William A. Purer, *chief*; Christian Sonne, John Toman (on leave of absence), *principal assistants*; George F. Bell, Raymond Dwyer, Harold Hellgren, Elie Hudon, Herman L. Miller, William Renner, Joseph Rzepinski, Emma L. Shaw, *senior assistants*; Agatha A. Wieboldt, *junior assistant*; Jacob Cohen, Fred A. A. Schweizer, George M. Thompson, *messengers*; Louis Casty, Harry Chernim, James Feeney, Joseph Greenspan, Bernhard J. Gunther, Edward Harkin, Walter Loeffler, Felix Pathman, Henry Petersen, Thomas A. Prince, Jesse Pruskauer,

Otto Refke, Louis Rotheiser, Abe Shapiro, Lawrence Strauss, Charles E. Titley, Joseph Weitzenfeld, Maurice Weitzman, *pages*; John D. Barchard, John Gawron, Fred C. Lutter, William J. Soper, John P. Wallenborn, George A. Wiborg, *automobile operators*; Albert Ifland, *automobile caretaker*.

REFERENCE DIVISION—Carrie L. Elliott, *chief*; Frank E. Waska, *head assistant in charge of Art Room*; J. Frank James, Charles F. Zak, *principal assistants*; William C. Firebaugh, Walter B. Flintrup, Charles L. Green, Margaret Kearney, Mary E. Rae, *senior assistants*; John B. Bloom, *page*.

CIVICS ROOM—Charles Lhotka, *chief*; Jessie M. Woodford, *principal cataloger*; Edith Kammerling, Agnes Donoghue, Edward Henwood, Edward Peterson, *senior assistants*; Harriet E. McCay, *junior assistant*.

MUNICIPAL REFERENCE DIVISION—Frederick F. Rex, *municipal reference librarian*; Ethel Bredin, *senior assistant*; Lester Vocke, *page*.

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION—Faith E. Smith, *director of training class*; Cora E. Hinkins, *senior assistant*; Ruth C. Sweeney, *junior assistant*.

PERIODICALS DIVISION—Reidar Arentz, *chief*; James H. Biddle, Charles J. Macko, *senior assistants*.

PUBLICATION DIVISION—Anna J. Ferguson, Anna Riordan, *principal assistants*; Maude H. T. Freeman, *senior assistant*.

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REGISTRY DIVISION—Lilyan G. Morawski, *chief*; Katharine A. Donovan, *principal assistant*; Loretto M. Crowe, A. Agnes O'Brien, Mary E. Ryan, Blanche V. Shaw, *senior assistants*; Cecelia Georgas, Mary A. Neylen, *junior assistants*; Isadore Glick, *messenger*.

BINDERY DIVISION—J. Ritchie Patterson, *chief*; Mary M. Hishen, *principal assistant*; Margaret Crain, *senior assistant*; Lottie Bewers, Marguerite Hollingsworth, Bessie R. Moberg, Hattie O'Neal, Kathryn Stevens, Catherine Thomson, May Weaymouth, *bindery assistants*; George T. Hillman, *page*.

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SWITCHBOARD—Rebecca M. Burke, *clerk*.

BRANCHES DIVISION—John F. Phelan, *chief*; Pearl I. Field, *supervisor of special deposits*; Dorothy Bastin, Roey Cowen, Nellie E. Doran, Ida B. Johnson, Faith Mix, M. Lillian Ryan, *senior assistants*; Ada Cole,

Helen T. Doan, Veta Dee Gardner, Prudence Higley, Bertha Klein, Evelyn Morgan, Alice Pullman, Helen Rountree, Edna Vineburg, *junior assistants*; Helen Kasmar, *bindery assistant*; Harry Blummer, Stephen Ryan, *pages*; Jacob D. Levin, Bennie Rudy, *pages* (traveling substitutes).

ARMOUR SQUARE BRANCH—Daisy McHale, *branch librarian*; Augusta G. Kessell, *junior assistant*.

AUSTIN BRANCH—Julia A. Baker, *branch librarian*; Helen S. Babcock, Charlotte Hartmann, Nellie Marlatt, Louise Foster, *junior assistants*; Melville E. Eaton, *page*; Charles Gerloff, *janitor*.

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BLACKSTONE BRANCH—Mary W. Wood, *branch librarian*; Anna W. Thayer, Mary A. Wilson, *senior assistants*; Helen Crowe, *junior assistant*; Michael Leberstein, *page*; John Renkosciewicz, *engineer-janitor*.

BURR SCHOOL BRANCH—Helen I. Fix, *branch librarian*; Genevieve O'Leary, *junior assistant*; Lee R. Egan, *page*.

CORNELL SQUARE BRANCH—Catherine J. Fox, *branch librarian*; Lorene Campbell, *junior assistant*.

DAVIS SQUARE BRANCH—Grace L. Flack, *branch librarian*; Evelyn Wall, *junior assistant*.

DOUGLAS PARK BRANCH—Alice M. Farquhar, *branch librarian*; Annie Batchelder, Margaret M. Bates, Dorothy Brown, Ruth Carlisle, Carmen Filippi, Stella Turek, *junior assistants*; Max Goldenson, *page*; Bob Yates, *janitor*.

DVORAK PARK BRANCH—Helen H. Forman, *branch librarian*; Elizabeth Bell, *junior assistant*; William P. Perlman, *page*.

ECKHART PARK BRANCH—Julia A. Gerloff, *branch librarian*; Adeline Neiman, Sue Wuchter, *junior assistants*; Edward Eckhardt, *page*.

FULLER PARK BRANCH—Kate B. Chase, *branch librarian*; Mildred F. Goodnow, *junior assistant*; William Yonker, *page*.

HAMILTON PARK BRANCH—Frances C. Cantner, *branch librarian*; Edith F. Long, *junior assistant*; Abe Puzes, *page*.

HAMLIN PARK BRANCH—Maude Blake, *branch librarian*; Catherine McNulty, *senior assistant*; Axel Bay, *page*.

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HOLSTEIN PARK BRANCH—Charlotte L. Olson, *branch librarian*; Mary Livshis, *junior assistant*; Otto Laske, *page*.

HUMBOLDT PARK BRANCH—Ada M. Lanquist, *branch librarian*; Fauchon Henderson, Lillian V. Leviash, *junior assistants*; Louis Kaplan, *page*; Bob Jones, *janitor*.

INDEPENDENCE PARK BRANCH—Adah M. Anderson, *branch librarian*; Helen M. La Berge, *junior assistant*.

HIRAM KELLY BRANCH—Adah F. Whitcomb, *branch librarian*; Eliza R. Pendry, *senior assistant*; Helen Barlow, Olive Griffith, Cora I. Hough, Erva E. Romaine, *junior assistants*; Emmet J. O'Neill, *page*; Thomas P. Conry, *engineer-janitor*.

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LOGAN SQUARE BRANCH—Frances V. Rice, *branch librarian*; Emma Levin, *senior assistant*; Ruth K. McLaughlin, Sylvia Oakley, Geraldine Scott, *junior assistants*; Joseph M. Haimowitz, *page*; Emily Menz, *janitress*.

MARK WHITE BRANCH—Edith Erskine, *branch librarian*; Anna I. Kelley, *junior assistant*; Daniel J. Hussey, *page*.

OGDEN PARK BRANCH—Minnie S. Clark, *branch librarian*; Philomena E. Brennan, Sonja Wennerblad, *junior assistants*; Peter J. Werner, *page*.

PALMER PARK BRANCH—Muriel Dunne, *branch librarian*; Margaret D. Hill, *junior assistant*.

SEWARD PARK BRANCH—Mary Pomerene, *branch librarian*; Jennie Smock, *junior assistant*; Steven Klos, *page*.

SHERIDAN BRANCH—Myrtle E. Sette, *branch librarian*; Gertrude L. Husenetter, *senior assistant*; Nordica Fenneman, Mabel C. Moderwell, *junior assistants*; George S. Carr, *page*; Keti Bogusz, *janitress*.

SHERMAN PARK BRANCH—Alberta L. McDermott, *branch librarian*; Evangeline Beck, *senior assistant*; Joseph Rogers, *page*.

STANFORD PARK BRANCH—Harriet I. Baer, *branch librarian*; Clara Barnes, Rebecca M. Bond, *junior assistants*; James O'Connor, *page*.

STANTON PARK BRANCH—Winifred J. Lagorio, *branch librarian*; Phyllis G. Cleaver, *junior assistant*; Meyer Pidot, *page*.

SUMNER SCHOOL BRANCH—Ella J. Horrobin, *branch librarian*; Camille Rigali, *junior assistant*; Léo M. Henikoff, *page*.

WALKER BRANCH—Clara L. German, *branch librarian*; Frank M. McClain, *janitor*.

WEST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET BRANCH—Bird Morrison, *branch librarian*; Jessie Lawson, *senior assistant*; Sarah Berman, Anna Cylkowski, *junior assistants*; Irwin Bercu, *page*.

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**FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
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**OF**  
**THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL, CITY OF CHICAGO.

*Gentlemen:* The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library presents herewith the report of the library for the year ended May 31, 1915, being the forty-third annual report.

The Board has continued in its endeavors to extend library facilities to all the people of Chicago, not only through its system of branch libraries, various deposit collections, traveling libraries and delivery stations, but also by making the collection of books in the main library more accessible to the patrons of the library.

The installation of about twenty-five thousand volumes in foreign languages in a separate collection on the fourth floor has not only given the foreign-born population of the city the opportunity of personal selection of the books on the shelves, but has brought to their attention the wealth of material in the library that can be obtained for the asking.

The music collection mentioned in the last report has become a reality and has met with even greater favor than has been anticipated. Owing to the fact that the European war has prevented the filling of orders for music published in Europe

the collection is not yet completed, but the use made of the music in the present collection justifies this departure in public library work.

The various agencies for the distribution of books has been increased by the addition of two branch libraries, five traveling libraries, two business house deposits, two delivery stations and one hundred seventy-one school deposits, making a total of 898 distributing centers.

Two of the branch libraries (Lawndale and Humboldt) were removed to more commodious quarters where better facilities were afforded the patrons, and the enormous increase in the use of these branches, especially by adult readers, has proved the wisdom of the Board's action.

Notwithstanding the restricted revenues of the Board the work of the library has continued to expand; the home circulation of books showing an increase of almost 900,000 volumes, 26 per cent. gain over the previous year. This gain is also shown in all departments of the work of the library as may be seen in the statistical report of the Librarian, which is attached hereto and made part of this report.

At the beginning of the current calendar year, in making up its budget, the Board was confronted with the problem of making the available revenue for 1915, \$417,000, which included all balances in trust fund income accounts as well as the estimated income from trust funds for the year, cover an estimated expenditure of \$500,000.

To do this the Board was forced to cut the estimates submitted by the committees wherever it could be done without absolutely discontinuing any of the work being carried on at the time. This course precluded the extension of library service to any appreciable extent.

In the estimate of the Committee on Library, it was found necessary to cut the item for the purchase of books from \$69,000 (an amount which was only half of the sum really needed to supply the demand, made for branches, deposits and replacement of worn out volumes) to \$45,000. The Board was forced to

appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the rent of branch libraries in leased quarters from the income of the Hiram Kelly fund. In fact it was found necessary to use all unexpended balances in the various trust funds for the current expense of maintaining the library, and thus the long cherished plans for building branch libraries with the accumulated income of these funds have vanished, and other sources must be found for funds to give Chicago the system of branch libraries so sorely needed.

The Board has endeavored to keep up the physical equipment of the main building and branches to the usual high standard, and among the items expended during the year was one of \$4,300, for a new roof over the boiler and engine rooms.

The trust funds, amounting to \$278,000, are invested in high grade bonds, a list of which is attached to the financial statement of the Secretary.

It is with deepest regret that the Board records the death of Charles A. Plamondon and Z. P. Brosseau, former presidents of the Board of Directors, and Frederick H. Hild, librarian for a period of twenty-two years.

November 23, 1914, a Special Committee on Ways and Means, consisting of Directors Henius, O'Connell and Breyer, was appointed with instructions to act with the Legislative Committee of the Illinois Library Association in an effort to increase the revenue of the library. The committee decided upon the plan of presenting to the people of Chicago a statement showing the needs of the library, the extent of its work, and a comparison of the Chicago Public Library with the libraries in other large cities of the country—and an appeal for a higher tax rate to produce the much needed revenue.

The work of the committee not only met with the approval of the various civic organizations, women's clubs and citizens generally, but also received favorable editorial comment in all the daily papers of the city.

A bill amending the State Library Act was prepared and introduced in the Legislature providing for a change in the rate from six-tenths of a mill to one mill on the dollar applicable to



the City of Chicago, and from one and two-tenths mills to two mills on the dollar applying to the other cities and towns of the State. The bill was passed by both branches of the General Assembly and was signed by Governor Dunne June 29, 1915, becoming effective July 1, 1915.

The increase of the rate will produce, after the scaling of the Juul Act, about \$200,000 annually, and it is expected that after January 1, 1916, when the taxes of the year 1915 are available, the library will be able to take up the work which is now practically at a stand-still, and provide additional library facilities in response to the oft repeated demands from all parts of the city.

We would make special mention and commend the work of this committee whose labors have ended so auspiciously, especially mentioning the Chairman, Dr. Max Henius, whose untiring, energetic and resourceful mind contributed so much to the success of the committee's work.

In conclusion, the Board desires to express its appreciation of the faithful services rendered by the officers and members of the staff in all departments of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

A. LAGORIO, *President*,  
MAX HENIUS, *Vice-President*,  
PHILIP M. KSYCKI,  
SAMUEL DESPRES,  
CHARLES C. BREYER,  
JAMES J. HEALY,  
DR. F. J. POKORNEY,  
T. FRANK O'CONNELL,  
OSCAR G. MAYER,  
*Board of Directors.*

Chicago, June 30, 1915.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Public Library,  
Chicago, June 28, 1915.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Gentlemen:* As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1915:

### PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

#### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1915

##### *Receipts*

Taxes 1912 and prior years.....		\$ 1,806.24
Taxes 1913 collected June 1, 1914, to Dec. 31, 1914.....	\$194,624.76	
Taxes 1913 (Morgan Pk.), collected June 1, 1914, to Dec. 31, 1914.....	1,967.83	196,592.59
Sale of tax warrants (taxes 1914).....		105,000.00
Taxes 1914 (Morgan Pk.), collected Jan. 1, 1915, to May 31, 1915.....	\$ 500.00	
Taxes 1914, collected Jan. 1, 1915, to May 31, 1915.....	174,689.91	
	<u>\$175,189.91</u>	
Less: Tax warrants 1914—redeemed.....	105,000.00	70,189.91
Interest on cash in hands City Treasurer.....		1,209.25
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Sale of finding lists.....	\$ 477.00	
Books lost and paid for.....	1,225.54	
Miscellaneous .....	697.92	
Sale of duplicates.....	1.00	2,401.46
		<u>\$377,199.45</u>
Fines for retention of books (paid to pension fund—see disbursements) .....		18,636.64
Total receipts during year.....		<u>\$395,836.09</u>

## Funds June 1, 1914:

Balance cash in hands of City Treasurer.....	\$ 55,302.44
Cash in banks and in Secretary's hands.....	1,740.10
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	\$452,878.63

*Disbursements*

Books .....	\$ 56,594.36
Binding .....	25,022.13
Periodicals .....	7,348.73
Printing and stationery.....	6,349.02
Finding lists .....	1,496.34
Salaries, main library.....	196,066.84
Salaries, branches .....	61,017.42
Salaries, delivery stations.....	8,351.56
Delivery stations, miscellaneous.....	5,102.45
Branches, miscellaneous .....	5,119.84
Fuel .....	10,985.35
Heating and generating plant.....	1,291.67
Electric supplies and repairs.....	781.81
Elevator supplies and repairs.....	260.35
Janitors' expense .....	796.28
Insurance .....	2,301.58
Miscellaneous expense .....	4,245.00
Furniture and fixtures .....	2,158.44
Repairs, alterations and improvements.....	11,743.56
Freight and expressage.....	254.52
Postage .....	1,930.00
Books lost and paid for—refunds.....	241.49
Interest on tax warrants.....	276.29
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Total expenditures .....	\$409,735.03

## Pension Fund:

Fines received paid into pension fund.....	18,636.64
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	\$428,371.67

## Security Deposits:

Deposits refunded.....	\$2,934.30	
Deposits for library cards and books .....	2,874.95	59.35
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		\$428,431.02

## Funds May 31, 1915:

Cash in hands of City Treasurer.....	22,766.86
Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary.....	1,680.75
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	\$452,878.63

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## KELLY BRANCH LIBRARY FUND:

Balance June 1, 1914 .....	\$	1,695.83	
Income from investments .....		10,752.71	
		<u></u>	\$ 12,448.54
Books .....	\$1,059.57		
Periodicals .....	195.18		
Binding .....	506.66		
Salaries .....	5,927.18		
Heat and light .....	694.23		
Furniture .....	107.35		
Improvements .....	677.46		
Miscellaneous .....	108.29	\$ 9,275.92	
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Books for branches .....		965.52	
Transferred to Kelly fund income .....		839.09	
Balance May 31, 1915 .....		1,368.01	12,448.54
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## SHERIDAN BRANCH FUND:

Balance June 1, 1914 .....		3,290.93	
Transferred from Kelly fund income .....		1,500.00	
		<u></u>	\$ 4,790.93
Furniture .....	\$1,835.70		
Light .....	81.93		
Rent .....	980.00		
Salaries .....	1,755.07		
Miscellaneous .....	48.91	\$ 4,701.61	
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Transferred to Kelly fund income .....		89.32	4,790.93
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## RYDER FUND INCOME:

Balance June 1, 1914 .....	\$	533.89	
Income from investments .....		408.67	
		<u></u>	\$ 942.56
Books .....	\$ 863.85		
Balance May 31, 1915 .....		78.71	942.56
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## BEECHER FUND INCOME:

Balance June 1, 1914 .....	\$	2,572.50	
Income from investments .....		128.54	
		<u></u>	\$ 2,701.04
Books (music collection) .....	\$ 1,881.64		
Balance May 31, 1915 .....		819.40	2,701.04
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**JACKSON FUND INCOME:**

Balance June 1, 1914.....	\$ 221.37
Income from investments.....	56.60
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	\$ 277.97
Books (books for the blind).....	\$ 123.15
Balance May 31, 1915.....	154.82
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	\$ 277.97

*Summary of Balances*

May 31, 1915

**MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS:**

Insurance fund.....	\$ 130.73
Rental collection fund.....	572.20
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	\$ 702.93

**TRUST FUNDS—INCOME:**

Kelly Fund.....	\$3,461.42	
Kelly Branch.....	1,368.01	\$ 4,829.43
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Ryder Fund.....	78.71	
Beecher Fund.....	819.40	
Jackson Fund.....	154.82	
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		\$ 5,882.36
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		\$ 6,585.29

*Cash Reconciliation*

Public Library Fund—Cash.....	\$ 1,680.75
Less incidental fund not yet reimbursed by City Treasurer.....	441.66
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	\$ 1,239.09
Miscellaneous and trust fund—income shown above	6,585.29
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Cash on hand and in banks as per Public Library books .....	\$ 7,824.38

*Trust Funds and Investments*

**TRUST FUNDS:**

Hiram Kelly bequest.....	\$200,000.00	
Wm. H. Ryder bequest.....	10,000.00	
Jerome Beecher bequest.....	2,000.00	
H. W. Jackson bequest.....	1,000.00	
Hiram Kelly increment.....	65,000.00	278,000.00
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## INVESTMENTS:

Municipal bonds as per list attached (par value		
\$278,000.00)	\$277,759.46	
Certificate of deposit.....	240.54	\$278,000.00

*List of Securities*

No. of Bonds	Description	Rate	Maturity	Denomination	Total
5	City of Chicago Judgment refunding.....	4½%	1924	\$1,000	\$ 5,000.00
5	City of Chicago Judgment refunding.....	4½%	1925	1,000	5,000.00
8	City of Chicago Judgment refunding.....	4½%	1926	1,000	8,000.00
1	City of Chicago Judgment refunding.....	4½%	1927	1,000	1,000.00
15	City of Chicago City Hall.....	4%	1927	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago City Hall.....	4%	1928	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago City Hall.....	4%	1929	1,000	15,000.00
38	Lincoln Park, Town of Lake View.....	4%	1923	1,000	38,000.00
1	Lincoln Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	1,000.00
7	Lincoln Park Commissioners.....	4%	1925	1,000	7,000.00
2	Lincoln Park Commissioners.....	4%	1931	1,000	2,000.00
13	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1916	1,000	13,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1917	1,000	1,000.00
3	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	3,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	8,000.00
6	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1920	1,000	6,000.00
12	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	12,000.00
3	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1922	1,000	3,000.00
4	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	4,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1924	1,000	8,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1925	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	2,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1927	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	2,000.00
2	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	2,000.00
7	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	7,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	4,000.00
32	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	32,000.00
4	Sanitary District.....	4%	1919	1,000	4,000.00
6	Sanitary District.....	4%	1920	1,000	6,000.00
7	Sanitary District.....	4%	1922	1,000	7,000.00
3	Sanitary District.....	4%	1923	1,000	3,000.00
16	Sanitary District.....	4%	1926	1,000	16,000.00
1	Sanitary District.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
15	Sanitary District.....	4%	1930	1,000	15,000.00
3	School District No. 39, Cook County.....	4%	....	500	1,500.00
1	North Shore Electric Co.....	5%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	Central Pacific Railway Co.....	4%	1949	500	500.00
	Certificate of deposit No. D7968, Union Trust Co.....		....	....	240.54
Total securities, par value.....					\$278,240.54

We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the year ended May 31, 1915, and find them to be correct.

We were permitted by the City Treasurer's office to examine the library account in the books of the city, and we found that the receipts of interest, taxes, etc., entered therein agree with the receipts in the library books.

In company with two of the Directors and the Secretary we inspected the securities representing the various investments, all of which were produced to us.

We have also examined the foregoing statements and compared them with the books, vouchers and securities and we certify them to be correct.

Yours faithfully,

WM. W. THOMPSON & Co.,

*Certified Public Accountants.*

*Books*

Number of books in library June 1, 1914.....	571,358
Number of books purchased the past year.....	69,305
Number of books donated the past year.....	3,901
Number of books received from other sources....	2,631

Total number of books added past year.....	75,837
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Number of books worn out the past year.....	12,796
Number of books lost and paid for.....	1,268
Number of books delinquent 1913-14.....	435
Number of books missing 1913-14.....	4,664
Duplicate volumes disposed of 1914-15.....	618
Books found and money refunded.....	205

Total number of books subtracted the past year	19,576
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Total net additions the past year.....	56,261
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Total number of volumes in library June 1, 1915.....	627,619
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Total number of volumes unaccounted for in inventory of 1915...	8,340
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State of Illinois, }  
County of Cook. }ss.

I, H. G. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. WILSON,  
*Secretary.*

Sworn and subscribed before me this thirtieth day of June, 1915.

JAMES BUGGIE,  
*Notary Public.*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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### I

At last!

For many years the Library Board and its executive officers have been engaged in carrying on the work of the Library with insufficient funds. Repeated attempts to secure favorable legislation proved futile, a gubernatorial veto rendering inoperative a measure which passed both branches of the Legislature four years ago.

The Legislature of 1915 acted favorably, with executive approval, on Senate Bill 114, known as the Library Bill, whereby the tax rate for library purposes in the city of Chicago was increased from six-tenths of a mill to one mill on the assessed valuation.

While this rate is subject to scaling under the operation of the so-called Juul law, an increase estimated at \$200,000 annually is assured—a total annual revenue of approximately \$600,000.

Though the Senate passed the bill unanimously, and in the House the vote in its favor was 107 to 2, it was not without an active and aggressive campaign that the long-sought object was attained. A Ways and Means committee, appointed by the Board months in advance of the legislative session, took the public into its confidence, and in a widely-circulated statement presented in accurate and graphic form the exact situation confronting the Library. Splendid response came from civic and neighborhood organizations in all sections of Chicago, representing all elements of the population. The newspapers, including many printed in foreign languages, likewise rendered generous and helpful editorial advocacy of the proposed legislation. During the entire session, Mr. Harry G. Wilson, Secretary of the Board, represented the Library at the state capitol, with an array of facts and figures, as well as arguments at command,

and at the committee and executive hearings he was re-enforced by the members of the Ways and Means Committee, the President of the Board, and other directors, together with the Chief Librarian, in the presentation of reasons for the passage and approval of the proposed measure. The members of the Board who traveled to Springfield on these occasions to urge favorable action comprised Dr. Antonio Lagorio, President of the Board; Dr. Max Henius, Vice-President of the Board and Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; and Directors C. C. Breyer, T. F. O'Connell and Samuel Despres.

The Chicago press was cordial in its espousal of the Library's interests. The following were among the editorials which appeared in the daily press printed in the English language:

#### GIVE THE PUBLIC LIBRARY A CHANCE

*Examiner, January 8, 1915*

The Chicago Public Library is to appeal through its directors to the Legislature for enough money to keep pace with the city's growth.

Chicago is like a boy just bursting into manhood. He outgrows everything at once—clothes, shoes, hat and all. We are accustomed to thinking that we amount to something as a library city and are met with the fact that we allow for our Public Library just about as much as Boston or Cleveland, cities one-fourth our size.

The second city in population in America, we are tenth in the amount per capita we allow for books. Among the ten largest cities of the United States, Philadelphia alone is as stingy as we are. Pittsburgh, Boston, Cleveland, Cincinnati, New York, Buffalo and St. Louis all spend from twice as much to three and one-half times as much to supply each of its citizens with public reading matter. Yet we say the Public Library, next to the public schools, is the greatest educational factor we possess.

Four years ago we were devoting 1.42 per cent of the taxes to library purposes; last year we allowed only 1.26 per cent—which is, to borrow from the sporting page's vocabulary, putting the reverse English on intellectual progress.

The Public Library should get the additional income from the Legislature.

## THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN DISTRESS

*Tribune, February 11, 1915*

The Tribune has intended for some time to direct attention to the enforced economies in the Public Library of the city and to point the old, old lesson of the need of revenue reform on the one hand and of more consolidated and efficient local government on the other. It is not sorry, however, that correspondents have forestalled it in this instance.

It is right and significant that individual patrons and friends of the Library should cry out and plead for it. The progress made by our Library under Mr. Legler is so remarkable that it is a shame and a sin to rob it and compel it to take several steps backward. It has been given little money for the buying, binding, and circulating of new books. This would be bad enough, but a library can manage to get along for a year or two without many "new" books. There are old ones that the library's patrons might read with profit and interest. But when a library is forced to close some of its branches, to give up new services of the most valuable and progressive character, to adopt a policy of stagnation and bewildered waiting for something to turn up, it is idle to talk of the more intensive cultivation of its old assets, of the classics and the good books of past years. To close branches is to lose readers and patrons, to discourage any kind of library use, is to go backward. A branch library is more useful as a center of light and learning than the main library.

Why should the Library be forced to retrench and halt? The same old cry of the city's poverty. The city is poor because it is inefficient, wasteful, badly governed; the city is poor because we have a wretched and impossible revenue system; the city is poor because we have too many taxing and spending bodies and no budget, no accounting system, no control. And what are we doing to give ourselves better government and a modern revenue system? Look at the Legislature.

## HELP THE PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY!

*Herald, April 10, 1915*

Whatever is done by the general assembly in tax matters the provision of adequate revenues for the Chicago and other public libraries of Illinois should not be omitted. These institutions lack the means to give the service the people are asking and need from them.

The Chicago Public Library, to turn from the general to the local condition, cannot supply the books that are needed by teachers and wage-workers. Some special trust funds have been used to meet the ever-growing demands and are now exhausted. It must have a larger income from the people or continue to stand altogether at the bottom of the list.

The Library Board asserts that twice as much money is needed to carry on the important and rapidly increasing work of the institution as is now available. It is unquestionably true that the Library is a great force for self-help in this community. It ought to be provided with adequate funds.

### HARD TIMES IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Daily News, January 27, 1915*

Driven by hard necessity, the board of directors of the Chicago Public Library has cut down that institution's appropriations to \$397,000 for the coming year. Retrenchment to keep within these appropriations will require the discharge of some employees, the closing of some branch libraries and the purchase of less than one-half the number of new books that was contemplated.

When one considers that the public library, next to the schools, is one of the most important factors in the education and enlightenment of the people, the meagerness of the funds for its support will be better understood. Last year there were 350,000 users of books drawn from the Library, although the thirty-two branches by no means covered the entire city. Nine wards, with a population of 600,000, have no branches, and the insufficient revenue at the Library's command this year will force the closing of several of the branches now in operation. Librarian Legler and his assistants estimate that they should have 1,000,000 volumes in the Library to supply present demands. The total number of books is 400,000.

In spite of the handicaps under which it labors the Chicago Public Library in recent years has made a creditable showing in comparison with public libraries in other cities whose revenues were much greater. In five years the institution's work has increased 96 per cent, while its revenues increased less than 15 per cent. Its per capita expenditures are only 15 cents. Eight of the ten largest cities of the United States surpass this very moderate per capita. Chicago and Philadelphia serve the people efficiently.

A free public library has been well termed "the people's university." While the education obtained by use of its stores is termed "informal," it is also most "practical," for thence each seeker of knowledge takes only what he desires under pressure of clearly felt needs. Its service is pre-eminently helping those who are trying to help themselves.

Chicago's public library service is distinctly behind the American average. Its per capita cost is lowest among the twenty-six larger cities of this country. As none has accused its management of extravagance, it follows that the legal allowances for its support are those of parsimony.

Its book collections are wholly insufficient and need both extension and replenishment. The legislators should change this condition and give the people's university the help it needs.

### THE LIBRARY IN NEED

*Tribune, April 15, 1915*

Besides the Chicago schools another great Chicago educational agent is asking at Springfield for financial relief. It is the Library.

The Tribune takes a special interest in this appeal because it is made necessary by the policy of bringing the books to the people, the policies of branch libraries and dynamic service, which began with the appointment of the very able librarian, Mr. Legler. To bring about a change to such a policy from the former one, which viewed a library merely as a static repository, the Tribune joined the public spirited women, members of the Woman's Club, the Collegiate Alumnae and others who initiated the movement. It is to be hoped the Library's appeal will now receive the same support.

In a city of nearly two and a half millions and an area of 192 square miles, the Library has tried to give adequate service on an income of \$370,000. In the last five years the Board estimates that its work has increased 96 per cent and its revenues less than 15 per cent. It owns only three branch library buildings and only 400,000 books for home circulation, while one-third of the population is without branch library facilities. New York owns eighty-four branch libraries; Philadelphia, twenty-four; Baltimore, fifteen, to our three.

Of Chicago's collectible taxes the Library receives but 1.26 per cent.

Librarian Legler estimates that to supply the present demand the Library should have 1,000,000 books.

A modern community can protect itself and progress only through the intelligence of its citizens, and that intelligence requires the resource of books, books of easy access and well chosen. There are no charges of extravagance against the Library, and its appeal for aid is backed by real desert. Its service is vitally necessary to the welfare of the city and should be properly provided for.

### NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Post, April 18, 1915*

The needs of the Public Library are the needs of the people of Chicago. The intelligence and culture of a community may be measured in large degree by the support it gives to its library. No other educational institution stands in such intimate relation to all the people or affords like opportunities for enlightenment.

Bearing these considerations in mind, it is not to our credit that in the matters of per capita expenditure for library purposes, books per 100 of population and branch buildings owned Chicago stands tenth among the ten biggest cities of the country.

Pittsburgh expends 53 cents per capita on library support and counts 72 books per 100 inhabitants; Chicago expends 15 cents per capita and counts only 24 books per 100 inhabitants. The Chicago Public Library owns three of its 32 branches; New York owns 84; Philadelphia 24; Baltimore 15, and Boston 12.

In 1910 the collectible taxes for the city of Chicago totaled \$24,078,060, of which the Public Library got \$342,425, or 1.42 per cent; in 1914 the total of collectible taxes was \$31,122,666, of which the Public Library received \$392,715, or 1.26 per cent. Thus it is evident the funds for library uses are not keeping pace with the growth of the city and are proportionately smaller for the need than they were four years ago. Since they have never been adequate, this shrinkage in ratio is serious. The probability is that, although there are nine wards with nearly 600,000 population that lack library branches, further retrenchment will be necessary and some of the branches now in existence will have to be abandoned.

Out of the 32 branches now operated, eight are in public parks, two in institutions and only two in public schools. Only 10 have quarters of their own, seven of which are in rented buildings.

The Library is asking for a larger share in the revenues of the city through a bill now before the Legislature. The public schools are on a similar mission at Springfield, and they must not be stinted. Our mayor-elect is strongly impressed with the importance of having more parks and playgrounds, and we are in sympathy with him in this purpose. But we hope a way may be found of meeting these needs, and at the same time dealing more generously with the Library.

## II

Under the operation of the new library revenue law, the Chicago Public Library will receive annually a sum estimated at \$600,000. Last year the Library's net revenue from city taxation was \$380,000. On a per capita basis, Chicago was near the bottom of a list of ten largest cities of the United States, and twenty-sixth in a list of the thirty largest cities. Reckoning its revenues on the same per capita basis as the other nine cities of the ten largest municipalities, the amounts it would have

received on the same basis as each of the others are indicated in the following table:

New York .....	\$ 761,250
Philadelphia .....	347,965
St. Louis.....	713,070
Boston .....	1,176,895
Cleveland .....	1,061,514
Baltimore .....	357,653
Pittsburgh .....	1,223,048
Detroit .....	576,909
Buffalo .....	738,444
Average .....	769,905

Insufficient financial support for a long term of years compels first aid now, in the established agencies, rather than immediate widespread extension of them. Generous as the Legislature has been in allowing increase of revenues, the major part thereof will be needed at first to rehabilitate the physical properties. While the central library building has been maintained in fairly good condition, in other respects the system has run down at the heel and out at elbows. It is therefore essential that the expenditures should be planned carefully covering a series of years to renew outworn machinery and to inaugurate a progressive policy of extension in parallel. Successive steps to meet these needs may be summarized as follows:

Joining of Washington Street and Randolph Street wings on Garland Court to provide ample space for open shelf collection and quarters for Stations Department.

Minor, but important, internal changes in central building to adequately accommodate books and to provide more suitable quarters for the following departments: Schools, Deposits, Civics, Order, Catalog, Publications, Arts and Crafts and Training Class.

Increase of properly equipped branches from thirty-three to approximately ninety-nine.

Immediate increase of deposit stations from twenty-two to forty-four, and gradual elimination of these as it is found possible to displace them with branches.



Multiplication of deposit branches in commercial and industrial plants as demand and opportunity warrant; there are now twenty-one.

Rapid extension of school deposits, or class room libraries, of which there are now 730, until they number at least 3,000, and possibly 5,000.

By co-operation with the Board of Education, installation of branch libraries in each of the twenty-four high schools of the city, with specially qualified teacher-librarians in charge.

This involves a program whose realization will require at least ten years of active development. In order that it may be effectively carried out, it will be necessary:

1. To provide books not now available—at least 100,000 annually.
2. To anticipate additions to the staff by increased membership of Training Class, so as to provide trained assistants when needed.
3. To formulate a logical and balanced plan for locating branches.

In the allotment of funds for the ensuing year, generous apportionment for books should be made. How poorly equipped the Library finds itself at this time in proportion to needs may be gathered from the subjoined table showing number of books per one hundred inhabitants possessed by the public library systems of the ten major cities of the United States:

Boston .....	148
Cleveland .....	82
Pittsburgh .....	72
Buffalo .....	71
Baltimore .....	54
St. Louis.....	51
Detroit .....	44
New York.....	42
Philadelphia .....	28
Chicago .....	24

## III

With the additional funds derived through the provisions of the amended library act it will be possible to extend the service in many directions, to strengthen work begun and to reach sections of the city and elements of the population now unprovided. The growth of the branch system, while showing a gratifying gain in six years,\* has not developed on wholly logical and consistent lines. Many of the branches were located in quarters which were obtainable without cost and which would not have been chosen primarily for reasons of locality. It will now be possible, by the adoption of a plan anticipating growth for a series of years, to develop consistently a system of branches covering the entire city.

In planning branches for the immediate future two important facts must be borne in mind:\*\*

1. Shifting character of population in many sections of the city.
2. Enormous extent of territory to be provided—approximately 200 square miles within the corporate limits.

It would be manifestly unwise to adopt a policy involving the construction of costly buildings. These would necessarily be few in number, and many sections of large population and great extent would remain unprovided. It would be an unwise expenditure to erect expensive buildings in localities whose character is likely to change so radically that the locations would soon prove unsuitable for branch libraries. In most cities of the United States, branch buildings have become standardized, not only as to architecture and equipment, but to a great extent as to location in tributary territory. Usually they are situated on residential streets where the setting may be made attractive through ample grounds of lawn and shrubbery. At this time of transition in the character of residence neighborhoods, this

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\*One branch in 1909; thirty-two in 1915. Branch circulation in 1909, 76,182; circulation in 1915, 2,310,701.

\*\*This summary of conditions and suggestions follows a plan outlined by the Committee on Plans and Policies, 1915.

is not the type of branch library building most practical for Chicago. Instead of placing branch buildings on residence streets, it would seem advisable to consider accessibility, and instead of architectural grandeur, utility and productive results should govern. It is hereby recommended:

That the busiest corners of the busiest business thoroughfares be sought for sites.

That instead of adopting designs of the classic Greek, or other monumental type of building, the plans contemplate a business front conforming in character to its neighbors—except as to commonplace ugliness.

That the store front, made ornate and attractive, and giving suitable window space for attractive displays of books, bulletins and other poster announcements, be placed flush with other business entrances adjacent and without intervening space for grass or flowers.

That the building comprise but one story (and a basement for heating plant and storage), the interior being reached from the street direct, without steps, and so planned as to accommodate by means of low book-shelf partitions all the usual departments of branch activities—reading room, children's room, ample reference alcove, and administration quarters, with a comfortably equipped rest room for the staff.

That for this type of branch a lot approximating a frontage of 40 feet should be the minimum requirement, and that a frontage of 60 feet should be obtained if possible.

Such a branch could be constructed at comparatively slight cost, and the interior could be designed to give harmonious atmosphere indicative of its purpose without adding materially to the expense. The major expense involved would be for sites. A partition of cost for site and building on this basis would enable the discontinuance of the branch, without appreciable loss, if after a period of years there should prove to be so marked a change in the character of the neighborhood as to justify removal. The appreciation of the real estate would in some measure balance loss of building. If not, the loss would

prove inconsiderable, taking into account the modest original investment and the use of the building for a considerable period. Business men, nowadays, do not hesitate to scrap expensive machinery when it is out of date, and their larger and better output amply warrants the replacements. Empty school houses in many sections of Chicago stand as lonely survivals of neighborhoods that once were residential and are now industrial. Similarly, the Library, were it to erect a number of costly branch buildings in neighborhoods now wholly residential would find itself possessed in the course of years of many handsome buildings stranded and unused because of receding tides of population.

These conclusions are forcibly borne out by the figures of use in the thirty-two branches now maintained by the Library. Of these eighteen are in strictly residence districts, and they show an average annual circulation of 53,342 each. Of the others, three are in buildings owned by the Library,\* and they have an average annual circulation of 88,942 each, while seven branches in rented quarters on business streets show an average annual circulation of 115,270 each.

Having in view service to the largest number of persons, the following approximate locations are suggested as advantageous branch locations:

Milwaukee Avenue, North Avenue, and Robey Street.

Madison Street and Fortieth Avenue.

State and Thirty-fifth Streets.

Halsted Street and Webster Avenue.

Robey and Twelfth Streets.

Woodlawn, near Kimbark Avenue and Sixty-third Street.

South Chicago, near Commercial and Ninety-first Streets.

Rogers Park, near Hayes Avenue.

Ravenswood, near C. and N. W. station.

From an admirable and comprehensive survey of the branch library situation made by Mr. John F. Phelan, Chief of the

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\*For two of these the average circulation is 126,147 each.

Branches Division, the following pertinent facts are extracted concerning the locations of additional centers, bringing the total number up to 62:

"By the addition of the nine new locations selected by you, and twenty other locations which might be considered in the future, the total number reaches sixty-two, including Pulaski Park. Every ward is represented except the Twenty-first on the north side across the river. A few wards will have by this arrangement three and some four branches, namely, the Second, Eighth, Twenty-third, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Thirteenth. Some locations are on the boundary lines of one or more wards. While it was not the intention to select the locations by wards, it just happened that way, as an analysis revealed. The Twenty-first ward has within its lines Lincoln Park, and to the south, east of State, is largely taken up by wholesale business concerns, and on the north and east of State is a wealthy residential district. The best location for a branch in this ward, for the future, would be in the neighborhood of Sedgwick and North avenue. At present Seward Park is only a few blocks to the south, and this branch is located on the western boundary line of the Twenty-first, almost in the center. Three schools, Forrestville, Scanlon and Morse, are included in the number.

"Personal knowledge of many of the districts, the larger delivery stations and traveling libraries have assisted me in suggesting most of these places, and without doubt they will cover nearly all the present congested districts and neighborhoods where the library is sorely needed and will reach the various foreign people scattered over the city. In some localities the population will shift, necessitating a change in position, but this will work itself out and the whole scheme serves to give an idea where to begin. Your idea of temporary establishment in the first choice of nine locations is to my mind a splendid one, until conditions are fixed in these neighborhoods before a permanent place is decided upon.

"At this time there are fourteen branches on the South Side, fifteen on the West Side, and four on the North Side. Four of the West Side (Northwest Side) might be charged to the North Side, Independence, Holstein, Humboldt and Logan, if you care to disregard the natural geographical division. Nine locations suggested by you and the twenty others will make a total of sixty-two branches.

"The following arrangement will show the proposed and suggested branches and wards in which located:

*Branch Libraries*

	In Operation	Proposed	Suggested	Total
West Side.....	15	3	6	24
South Side.....	14	3	7	24
North Side.....	4	3	7	14
	<u>33</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>62</u>

*Proposed Branches*

Location	Ward
Robey, Noble and Milwaukee Ave..	28th-15th-16th

*Proposed Branches, West Side*

Location	Ward
40th and Madison St.....	35th
Robey and 12th Sts.....	11th
40th Ave., Ogden and 22d St.....	34th
Kedzie and Madison or Adams (Marshall High) .....	13th
Sawyer Ave. and W. Ohio St. (Morse School) .....	14th
Chicago Ave. and Western Ave.....	14th and 15th
40th Ave. and North Ave.....	35th
Milwaukee, Belmont and 40th.....	27th

*Proposed Branches, South Side*

Location	Ward
63d St. and Kimbark Ave.....	7th
92d St. and Commercial.....	8th
35th, 38th and State.....	2d
31st and Indiana.....	2d
45th and Forrestville (School).....	3d
51st and Indiana Ave.....	6th
55th and Halsted St.....	30th-31st
75th and Stony Island Ave.....	7th-8th-9th
83d and Bond Ave. (Russell Sq.).....	8th
117th and Perry Ave. (Scanlon School).....	9th

*Proposed Branches, North Side*

Location	Ward
Halsted and Webster.....	23d
Montrose and Hermitage.....	26th
Morse and Clark.....	25th
Diversey and Racine.....	23d or 24th
Addison, Lincoln and Ravenswood.....	26th
Clark and Addison.....	25th and 26th
Bryn Mawr and Broadway.....	25th
Lawrence and Western.....	26th and 27th
Clybourn and Fullerton.....	24th
Sheffield and Belmont.....	23d"

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In November a Music Room was opened with a circulating collection of opera scores, chamber music, song collections and sheet music, both instrumental and vocal. In the seven months that this basic collection has been available to the public, 15,650 pieces have been taken out on cards for home use.

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During the same month a Foreign Book Room was opened as an addition to the open shelf section of the Central Library. As a result the circulation of books in foreign languages has nearly doubled. The following languages are represented: German, French, Dutch, Swedish, Dano-Norwegian, Polish, Bohemian, Russian, Yiddish, Lettish, Italian, Spanish.

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With a loan fund of \$1,000, small rental collections of current books, both fiction and non-fiction, were installed in the Central Library and in seven branches. The total outlay was met within four months. The reasons for installation and conditions of use were enumerated as follows:

Owing to a decrease in revenue, the Public Library is not able this year to purchase books in the usual quantities.

A rental collection has therefore been inaugurated which will serve the double purpose of taking some of the burden from the depleted book fund and of making it possible to come somewhat nearer to supplying the heavy demand for the new books, especially new fiction.

This rental collection will comprise quantities of copies of desirable new books, which will be loaned, or rented, at a fee of five cents for the first three days or any shorter period, and two cents per day thereafter, for each volume loaned.

Books from this collection may be retained for two weeks, and must be renewed, like other library books, if desired for a longer period.

The rental collection books are purchased from a loan fund, and as soon as the cost of any such book is defrayed from its rental fees, that book is transferred to the free shelves for general circulation.

The rental collection is, therefore, not a profit-making enterprise, but designed solely as a convenience and a benefit for such patrons as choose to avail themselves of it, without in any way curtailing the privileges or rights of other patrons of the Library.

Every book in the rental collection is duplicated in the free collection.

On the other hand, books in the rental collection will relieve the pressure on the free copies of which they are duplicates, and copies added to the free collection by transfer from the rental collection, after having paid for themselves, will help materially to meet the demand for popular books at the time when that demand is heaviest.

Purchase of the books from a loan fund, moreover, will relieve pressure on the scanty general book fund, making possible the purchase of books for which otherwise no funds would be available, or of more copies of books of permanent value which have proven their usefulness through constant and increasing demand.

A parcel post delivery service was inaugurated early in the last year. Some of the outlying deposit stations are also served daily through this medium. The following circular was issued at the time the new service was put into effect:

#### BOOK DELIVERY BY PARCEL POST

Any registered borrower, upon depositing one dollar to cover the cost of mailing books, may participate in this service, subject to the general rules of the Library governing book loans. A receipt card will be furnished, and the various charges for postage will be punched on this card so that it will at all times show the balance to the credit of the borrower.



Loan period (two weeks) begins on date of mailing, not date of arrival at destination. In like manner loan period ends on date of return mailing, said date in case of doubt to be determined by the postmark. Fines for over-due books will be assessed in accordance with this rule.

In all cases of doubt or dispute the Library records must be accepted as accurate and conclusive evidence.

Responsibility for losses or damages incidental to transportation must be borne by the borrower.

Shipment of books made only when the card accompanies the order. One renewal for additional two weeks is permitted. When renewal is desired, books need not be sent in, but borrower's card must be mailed for restamping.

Books to be returned by parcel post must be securely wrapped and tied, but not sealed. Damaged or excess postage charges caused by careless wrapping will be assessed against the sender. Sender's name and address preceded by the word "From" must appear on the wrapper.

No book will be mailed from the Library unless balance remaining on deposit is sufficient to cover all charges. When credit balance falls below ten cents, borrower will be notified to remit prompt remittance for renewal of deposit. Postage for correspondence relating to parcel post shipments will be charged against deposit.

Any unexpended balance remaining on deposit will be refunded to the depositor on application.

The borrowers are requested to state on their orders the limit of time in which books will be of use, if it is not possible to send them promptly because in circulation at the time of request.

Books may be sent from or to Library by parcel post at the following rates:

Weight	Local Rate	Zone Rate
1 lb.	\$0.05	\$0.05
2 lbs.	.06	.06
3 lbs.	.06	.07
4 lbs.	.07	.08
5 lbs.	.07	.09

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Notable gains in home circulation, school circulation, Reference Department service, and other activities of the Library were recorded. Among the gains gathered from the year's statistics are the following:

Home circulation.....	897,419
School circulation.....	46,598
Branches .....	2
Deposit stations.....	5
Business house branches.....	2
School deposits.....	171
Reference books issued.....	53,075
Arts and Crafts Room issues.....	2,462
Civics Room issues.....	34,431
Deposits, issues.....	106,711

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The circulation of books through deposit stations and traveling libraries increased 106,711. The establishing of deposit stations in suburban sections, and of balanced collections in commercial and industrial plants has been attended with gratifying success. A typical report of one of the latter will serve to illustrate: Total circulation in 1913, 44,371; in 1914, 57,184; gain for the year, 12,813.

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Of thirty-eight candidates who took the examination for entrance to the Training Class in September, eighteen were accepted. One hundred and twenty-six lectures were given, and twelve lectures on reference work were given to members of the staff who had belonged to the last two training classes. From September through December lectures were given six days each week; from January to May, lectures were given twice a week, members of the class working on staff time thirty-nine hours a week, and receiving half pay.

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Girls' reading clubs were conducted at Blackstone branch by Miss Mary A. Wilson, and at Mark White Square by Miss Anna Kelly.

Story hours were conducted at the following branches, with a total attendance of 18,296:

Armour Square, by Miss Barlow, 22 weeks; attendance, 1,184.

Austin, by Misses Baker, Babcock, Foster and Hartman, 18 weeks; attendance, 946.

Bessemer Park, by Miss Feddersen, 18 weeks; attendance, 576.

Blackstone, by Miss Wilson, 41 weeks; attendance, 1,948.

Davis Square, by Miss Fox, 4 weeks; attendance, 236.

Hamilton Park, by Misses Long and Johnson, 20 weeks; attendance, 2,035.

Hiram Kelly, by Miss Pendry, 22 weeks; attendance, 4,274.

Holstein Park, by Miss Barnes, 5 weeks; attendance, 129.

Eckhardt Park, by Miss Gerloff, 9 weeks; attendance, 2,555.

Lincoln Centre, by Miss Hannagan, 10 weeks; attendance, 147.

Mark White Square, by Miss Kelly, 17 weeks; attendance, 491.

Ogden Park, by Miss Brennan, 27 weeks; attendance, 791.

Sherman Park, by Miss Beck, 25 weeks; attendance, 1,174.

Smyth School, by Miss Sweeney, 12 weeks; attendance, 1,589.

Stanford Park, by Miss Baer, 15 weeks; attendance, 421.

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In December, package libraries were provided in co-operation with a movement fostered by the Association of Commerce for the study of civics in the high schools, and similarly furthered by the Civics Extension Committee in the upper grades of the elementary schools. Package libraries consist principally of pamphlet material, magazine separates, brochures issued by clubs and other organizations, documentary publications issued by the federal, state and municipal governments, and other related material in printed and typewritten form, each package library dealing with one subject or main subdivision of a subject, selected or passed upon by a recognized authority. Large envelopes, expansive in design to accommodate a considerable collection of pamphlets of ordinary size, are used to contain groups of related material, and the package libraries are subject to call from school principals and social students and workers for periods varying according to need. Those sent to schools are retained there for reference by the pupils during the term when civics is being taught.

Some of the topics on which material has been gathered and grouped include the following:

- Public recreation (playgrounds, bathing beaches, dance halls).
- Chicago beautiful plans.
- Housing conditions in Chicago.
- Woman suffrage.
- Commission form of government and city manager plan.
- Initiative and referendum.
- Child welfare.

Each package library is provided with a select bibliography of book material on the subject to be found in the Library, call numbers of the books being noted for each title as a matter of convenience.

The success of the initial libraries of this character warrants extension of the service.

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Detailed statistics follow.

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*Librarian.*

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Home circulation, including schools, 4,326,057; a gain of 897,419 over previous year.

Daily average circulation, 14,184.

School circulation, 227,057.

Number of branches, 32; delivery stations, 76; deposit stations, 22; business house deposits, 21; special deposits, 17; school deposits, 730. Total number of agencies, 898.

Books issued in Reference Room, exclusive of open shelf volumes, 448,535.

Books issued in Art Room, 46,641.

Volumes consulted in Civics and Patents Rooms: Documents, 22,575; magazines, 22,582; bound newspapers, 7,681; books for blind, 277; directories, 27,243; pamphlets, 160,610; books, 14,617; patents, 77,305.

Number of employes in all departments May 31, 1915, 350; total payroll, \$264,766.51.

Number of registered card holders, 178,955; locally registered in deposit stations, 27,000; industrial branches, 22,000; schools, 33,000; total number of users, 260,955.

## GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

The number of volumes in the Library on May 31, 1915, was 627,619, a net increase of 56,261 over the number reported at the close of last year. The gross accessions of the year numbered 75,837 volumes. Of these 69,305 were purchased, 3,901 were donated, 935 were acquired by binding periodicals, 911 by binding reports and pamphlets, 88 were taken from the duplicate room, 43 were received in exchange and 555 were books which had been lost and recovered, or missing in previous years and now recovered and re-accessioned; 93 were replaced by borrowers or guarantors.

There were deducted from the total number of volumes in the Library during the past year the following items: Books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 12,796; books lost and paid for, 1,268; books unaccounted for in the annual inventory of 1913-14, 4,664; books not recovered from delinquent borrowers in 1913-14, 435; 618 duplicate volumes disposed of in

1914-15. Of the books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 2,970 were English prose fiction, 8,415 were juvenile books, 659 were books in foreign languages, and 752 in all other classes.

The entire amount expended for books from all funds, was \$61,661.31, which includes purchases for branch libraries and reading rooms.

Cost of books.....	\$61,661.31
Cost of periodicals.....	7,543.91
Cost of binding.....	27,591.67
Number books accessioned.....	75,837
Number pamphlets accessioned .....	10,251

### HOME CIRCULATION

The Circulation Department of the main library was open on 305 days during the year. The department was closed on Sundays and holidays, but was open on week days from 9 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Exclusive of school circulation, the total number of books issued for home use was 4,098,998, an increase of 850,819 volumes, or 26 per cent over the previous year. The total daily average home circulation was 14,184, as compared with a total daily average of 11,261 of the previous year. The school circulation was 227,059, making a total home use of 4,326,057. The largest number of books issued for home circulation in any one day at the main library was 4,846, on February 13, 1915; the least number, 1,309, on June 9, 1914. The fines received from delinquent book borrowers amounted to \$18,636.64. The number of notices sent to borrowers and guarantors was 37,368. The total home circulation, exclusive of school circulation, but including the branches and deposit collections, is shown in the following table, month by month, giving the monthly average home circulation for the past two years. The branches were open for circulation on every day of the year except Christmas, Fourth of July and Sundays, from June 15 to September 15.

## RECORDED ISSUES

Home circulation.....	4,098,998
Reference Room.....	448,535
Art Room.....	46,641
Schools .....	227,059
Civics Room.....	247,627
Patents Room.....	77,582
Bound newspapers.....	7,681
Reading Room.....	148,788
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No count was kept at the Central Library, nor at any of the branches, of open shelf books used on the premises.

## 1914-1915

Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Av'ge	Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Av'ge
June.....	26	276,180	10,622	June.....	25	213,895	8,548
July.....	26	278,470	10,710	July.....	25	209,718	8,389
August.....	26	281,505	10,827	August.....	26	207,234	7,971
September..	25	270,377	10,815	September..	25	204,648	8,186
October....	27	335,476	12,425	October....	27	255,172	9,451
November..	24	374,255	15,594	November..	24	281,216	11,717
December..	26	375,674	14,449	December..	26	305,178	11,738
January....	25	402,333	16,093	January....	26	332,166	12,776
February...	22	379,726	17,260	February...	24	312,158	13,007
March.....	27	422,921	15,664	March.....	26	346,004	13,308
April.....	26	354,840	13,648	April.....	26	304,441	11,709
May.....	25	347,241	13,890	May.....	25	276,349	11,054
Total...	305	4,098,998	13,499	Total...	305	3,248,179	10,692

The number of books loaned on requisitions received from libraries outside of the city, asking for the loan of books under the inter-library loan plan was 62.

The recorded circulation of books deposited in public schools increased from 180,459 the previous year to 227,059. The deposit stations at the close of the year, exclusive of schools, 730 of which were reached, numbered 21; traveling libraries, 22; settlements and clubs, 17. The number of books on deposit

May 31 was 34,446, and the circulation during the year was as follows:

Deposit stations .....	183,179
Traveling libraries .....	227,442
Schools .....	227,059
Total .....	<u>637,680</u>

The school circulation is given in the following table, showing the number of class rooms supplied in the different schools and also the average number of weeks the volumes were in use:

Schools	Volumes	No. of class rooms	No. weeks used	Total use
Adams .....	200	4	37	1,479
Agassiz .....	400	8	15	1,361
Altgeld .....	100	2	34	704
Arnold .....	202	4	13	855
Auburn Park .....	150	3	23	589
Audubon .....	50	1	15	137
Barnard .....	50	1	33	419
Beaubien Br. No. 1.....	50	1	15	322
Bismarck .....	100	2	15	799
Brainard.....	50	1	33	475
Brentano .....	50	1	16	261
Bryant .....	270	6	25	2,444
Budlong .....	50	1	11	83
Burns .....	100	2	25	1,023
Burnside .....	150	3	33	1,157
Chase .....	150	3	34	1,580
Chicago Lawn .....	100	2	21	504
Clay .....	200	4	33	2,654
Cleveland .....	449	9	21	3,590
Coleman .....	50	1	31	786
Columbus .....	549	11	26	4,784
Coonley .....	50	1	17	174
Corkery .....	535	11	22	4,740
Cornell .....	150	3	23	631
Curtis .....	50	1	30	203
Davis .....	400	8	15	1,878
Dewey .....	150	3	12	875
Drake .....	100	2	32	379
Drummond .....	150	3	33	1,671



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Schools	Volumes	No. of class rooms	No. weeks used	Total use
Dunning Br. No. 1 .....	100	2	20	520
Ericsson .....	100	2	35	1,328
Farragut .....	600	12	25	6,627
Farren .....	45	1	36	401
Field .....	50	1	36	470
Fiske .....	150	3	23	1,947
Foster .....	225	5	21	676
Froebel .....	50	1	7	170
Gage Park .....	50	1	6	84
Gary .....	500	10	18	2,761
Gladstone .....	90	2	12	529
Goodrich .....	250	5	23	2,151
Graham .....	100	2	33	429
Grant .....	100	2	11	540
Gray .....	600	12	7	1,102
Greene .....	50	1	34	160
Gresham .....	150	3	19	1,036
Haines Practice .....	50	1	35	800
Hamilton .....	50	1	20	486
Hamline .....	50	1	23	366
Hammond .....	400	8	19	1,499
Harper .....	650	14	27	3,946
Haugan .....	300	6	30	2,272
Hawthorne .....	175	4	13	1,063
Henry .....	300	6	23	1,874
Herzl .....	205	4	13	1,039
Holmes .....	934	19	13	6,831
Howland .....	1,500	30	23	7,663
Illinois Technical .....	100	4	30	161
Immaculate Conception .....	400	9	24	2,208
Keeler Avenue .....	100	2	14	423
Kinzie .....	50	1	10	97
Kohn .....	252	5	36	1,759
Kosciuszko .....	50	1	34	668
Langland .....	550	11	16	3,550
Lawson .....	350	7	25	3,286
Linne .....	100	2	32	1,259
Longfellow .....	250	5	30	3,607
Lowell .....	400	9	20	3,897
McCosh .....	290	6	15	2,119
McPherson .....	355	8	24	3,568

Schools	Volumes	No. of class rooms	No. weeks used.	Total use.
Madison .....	50	1	34	371
Mann .....	50	1	33	749
Marsh .....	51	1	33	700
Morgan Park .....	150	3	27	399
Morris .....	100	2	36	507
Mulligan .....	45	2	24	323
Newberry .....	250	5	20	2,755
Nobel .....	300	6	21	1,585
Oglesby .....	150	3	13	1,824
Otis .....	100	2	22	1,069
Parental .....	240	6	33	2,991
Parkman .....	600	12	13	4,182
Park Manor .....	50	1	35	423
Parkside .....	200	4	35	2,280
Penn .....	50	1	3	103
Plamondon .....	250	5	32	2,122
Poe .....	100	2	15	377
Prescott .....	50	1	37	600
Pulaski .....	200	4	14	658
Raster .....	150	3	27	1,125
Ray .....	45	1	31	110
Revere .....	100	2	13	596
Ryder .....	50	1	20	316
Ryerson .....	135	3	24	1,132
Sabin .....	50	1	10	163
St. Jarlath .....	100	2	35	845
St. Jerome .....	50	1	29	844
St. Sebastian .....	229	6	20	1,744
Sawyer Avenue .....	100	2	14	1,087
Scanlan .....	958	20	21	8,447
Schley .....	37	1	3	233
Schneider .....	250	5	18	2,340
Sexton .....	276	6	20	2,610
Shields .....	800	19	25	4,453
Skinner .....	200	4	23	1,694
Smyth .....	300	6	26	1,968
South Deering .....	400	8	37	2,388
Spalding .....	258	7	13	709
Spencer .....	50	1	33	270
Spry .....	150	3	19	1,662
Sullivan .....	965	21	26	5,571

Schools	Volumes	No. of class rooms	No. weeks used	Total use
Swift .....	100	2	34	1,123
Thorp, J. N.....	150	3	21	721
Thorp, O. A.....	100	2	28	1,026
Throop .....	250	5	16	1,948
Trumbull .....	600	12	26	3,325
University Avenue .....	670	15	37	4,784
Visitation .....	875	19	32	8,239
Wadsworth .....	650	13	28	3,607
Waters .....	200	4	24	1,134
Webster .....	30	1	11	483
Wells .....	229	5	35	1,425
Wentworth .....	300	6	21	1,403
West Pullman ..	946	19	19	7,351
Yates .....	100	2	16	982
Total .....	29,965	622	24	213,823

## Special Deposits—

## Grammar Schools

Bryant .....	15	30
Budlong .....	5	10
Crerar .....	1	2
Gary .....	9	18
Hamline .....	11	22
Harper .....	2	4
Keeler Avenue .....	9	40
Kosciuszko .....	11	22
McPherson .....	17	34
Morris .....	5	10
Smyth .....	7	14
Thorp .....	1	2
Total .....	93	208

High Schools	Volumes	No. of class rooms	No. weeks used	Total use
Harrison Technical .....	50	1	11	735
Lake High .....	100	2	17	278
Lake View High.....	176	4	19	971
Lane Technical .....	300	6	31	2,050
Marshall High .....	75	2	9	130
Morgan Park High.....	66	2	6	132
Phillips High .....	70	2	6	140
St. Patrick High.....	100	2	21	452
St. Sebastian High.....	27	1	10	108
Schurz High .....	50	1	29	375
Senn High .....	335	7	17	6,138
Waller High .....	52	1	31	137
Total .....	1,401	31	18	11,646

Special Deposits

High Schools

Chicago Latin .....	3	6
Chicago Normal .....	150	300
Englewood .....	9	18
Fenger .....	2	4
Flower Technical .....	25	80
Harrison Technical .....	13	26
Hyde Park .....	40	80
Immaculate Conception .....	44	88
Kenwood Institute .....	4	8
Loyola Academy .....	63	126
McKinley .....	4	8
Mt. Carmel .....	1	2
Phillips .....	27	54
St. Basil .....	3	6
St. Cecelia .....	42	84
St. Elizabeth .....	135	270
St. Ignatius .....	1	2
St. Patrick .....	15	30
St. Sebastian .....	59	118
Senn .....	36	72
Total .....	676	1,382

Schools	Volumes	No. of class rooms	No. weeks used	Total use
Grammar .....	29,965	622		213,823
High .....	1401	31		11,646
	<u>31,366</u>	<u>653</u>		<u>225,469</u>
Special Deposits				
Grammar .....	93	12		208
High .....	676	20		1,382
	<u>769</u>	<u>32</u>		<u>1,590</u>
Grand total .....	32,135			227,059

Total number of applications recorded that the Library was unable to fill on account of lack of books—107.

Divided in grades as follows:

9 .....	1st
7 .....	2nd
8 .....	3rd
9 .....	4th
21 .....	5th
20 .....	6th
20 .....	7th
13 .....	8th
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One set of 50 books at Throop School not returned to date.

The branch circulation figures for the year are as follows:

	Direct	Stations	Total	No. Vols. in branch
Armour Square .....	29,779	3,494	33,273	3,018
Austin .....	120,930	5,903	126,833	9,399
Bessemer Park .....	33,755	3,352	37,107	3,116
Blackstone .....	86,586	4,016	90,602	16,343
Burr School .....	47,014	1,615	48,629	6,141
Cornell Square .....	44,106	1,677	45,783	3,630
Davis Square .....	25,093	1,158	26,251	2,738
Douglas Park .....	112,804	14,636	127,440	7,428
Dvorak Park .....	47,914	3,486	51,400	3,558
Eckhart Park .....	72,508	3,511	76,019	5,630
Fuller Park .....	53,884	3,260	57,144	5,496
Hamilton Park .....	56,796	4,298	61,094	4,141
Hamline Park .....	46,505	2,108	48,613	4,729
Hebrew Institute .....	100,931	24,401	125,332	8,107
Holstein Park .....	63,105	1,691	64,796	3,262
Humboldt .....	75,989	14,290	90,279	4,318
Independence Park .....	31,196	544	31,740	1,809
Kelly .....	154,982	6,709	161,691	14,152
Lewis Institute .....	129,859	10,141	140,000	11,440
Lincoln Center .....	74,561	5,219	79,780	8,606
Logan Square .....	102,151	6,864	109,015	7,120
Mark White Square .....	46,937	1,958	48,895	3,971
Ogden Park .....	89,468	4,599	94,067	5,087
Palmer Park .....	42,597	1,410	44,007	2,137
Seward Park .....	38,788	8,295	47,083	2,323
Sheridan .....	101,565	4,261	105,826	5,359
Sherman Park .....	57,986	3,408	61,394	5,642
Stanford Park .....	65,214	6,268	71,482	7,233
Stanton Park .....	38,977	1,026	40,003	2,004
Sumner School .....	40,533	1,857	42,390	1,888
Walker .....	14,497	938	15,435	7,568
West Twenty-Sixth Street .....	103,766	3,532	107,298	8,120
Total .....	2,150,776	159,925	2,310,701	185,513

## CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION

The classification of the books issued for home reading at the main library and through the delivery stations, showing the number of volumes and the percentage of each class, is as follows:

	Volumes	Pct.
English prose fiction.....	548,296	35.84
Juvenile literature.....	390,828	25.55
History and biography.....	76,228	04.98
Geography and travels.....	49,473	03.23
Sciences and arts.....	245,033	16.02
Poetry and drama.....	80,869	05.28
Foreign languages.....	73,719	04.82
Miscellaneous .....	65,459	04.28
Total .....	1,529,905	100.00

## REGISTRATION

During the three years ending May 31, 1915, the statistics of the Registry Department show that 200,357 cards were issued. There were canceled during this period 21,402 cards, leaving the number of live cards outstanding at the close of the year 178,955. Of the total number of cards issued during the year, 18,148 were applied for at the main library and 59,564 at the delivery stations and branches. This is exclusive of local cards issued at the traveling library stations, business house stations, etc. There were issued 1,295 teachers' cards, 58,417 non-fiction cards, 1,585 vacation cards, 24,519 juvenile cards, 21,114 juvenile non-fiction cards, 112 research cards, 697 students' cards, 3 special cards, 913 summer cards, 16 parcel post cards, 102 fee duplicate cards, and there were 1,617 books issued on deposit. Number of cards lost and replaced by new cards was 12,666.

## DELIVERY STATIONS

The circulation of books for home use through the delivery stations was 820,227, an increase of 15,240 as compared with last year. The number of delivery stations in operation at the

close of the year was 108, as compared with 104 the previous year. The amount expended for compensation of delivery station keepers and for transportation service was \$5,102.45.

### REFERENCE ROOM

The number of recorded visitors to the Reference Room was 174,658. The total number of volumes issued from the stack rooms was 448,535, which shows an increase of 54,075 volumes when compared with last year's report. No estimate is possible of the number of open shelf books used in the room. The largest attendance at any one time was 312 at 3 o'clock on January 9, 1915.

The classification of books used in the Reference Room is as follows:

	Volumes	Pct.
Arts and sciences.....	177,882	39.7
History and biography.....	62,115	13.9
Bound periodicals.....	52,882	11.8
Geography and travels.....	40,773	9.1
Language and literature.....	73,741	16.4
All other classes.....	41,142	9.1
Total .....	448,535	100.00

### ART ROOM

The Art Room was visited by 12,116 readers, who consulted 46,641 books.

### WOMEN'S STUDY ROOM

The Women's Study Room was visited by 13,197 readers, who consulted 22,316 books.

### READING ROOM

The largest number present in the room at one time was 501, on February 23, 1915, at 2 o'clock.

The number of newspapers and magazines on file in the Reading Room is 1,180.



The amount expended for newspapers and periodicals for branches and reading rooms was \$7,348.73, exclusive of \$195.18 expended for the Kelly Branch out of the Kelly Branch fund. The South Park Commissioners supplied the magazines for the South Side branches.

Visitors .....	1,065,758
Serials on file.....	1,180
Cost of serials.....	\$7,543.91

### CIVICS ROOM

The attendance in the Civics Room was 63,801 during the year. There were consulted in this room 22,575 documents, 22,582 magazines, 27,243 directories, 160,610 pamphlets and 14,617 books.

### PATENTS ROOM

The attendance in the Patents Room was 23,215 during the year. There were consulted in this room 77,305 patents, 7,681 bound newspapers and 277 books for the blind.

### BOOKS FOR THE BLIND

The collection of books for the blind now numbers 1,616 volumes, comprising 703 volumes in Braille Print, 582 in Moon Type, 228 volumes in American Line, and 103 volumes in New York Point. One hundred and seventy-four volumes were added during the year. There were circulated for home use 2,779 volumes; 277 volumes were used at the main library.

### ADMINISTRATION

The entire number of persons employed in all departments of the library service May 31, 1915, was 350, an increase of 30 over last year. The pay-rolls of the main library, branches, delivery stations and traveling libraries amounted to \$262,186.71, exclusive of \$5,927.18 for the Kelly Branch and \$1,755.07 for the Sheridan Branch, both of which were paid out of the Kelly fund.

## BINDING

The number of volumes sent to binderies during the year was 62,188. Of these 56,821 were newly bound or rebound, and 5,367 were resewed in the old covers. There were repaired in the Binding Department 74,549 books; 11,552 were repaired at the binderies. The books relabeled during the year numbered 49,485 volumes. The amount expended for binding was \$27,591.67.

## ANNUAL INVENTORY

The total number of books missing at the close of the year was 8,340, as compared with 5,150 in 1913-14. Of these 1,986 are missing at the main library, 153 in deposits, 141 in school deposits, and 6,060 in the branches. Of the books unaccounted for in last year's inventory, 494 have since been found.

## CATALOG DEPARTMENT

During the year 37,140 volumes were cataloged and classified. Of these 10,686 were new titles, 15,200 were extra copies and 2,875 were replacements, and 351 were recataloged. Continuations of books and periodicals numbered 7,251. 3,038 volumes of music, classified and cataloged, are included in the new titles added.

There have been added to the public card catalog 27,715 cards, 8,804 of them being subject cards. Additions and corrections comprised 4,623. The official card catalog was augmented by 29,962, including additions, corrections and foreign deposit collection cards. A music catalog consisting of 4,689 cards has been compiled since August 1st.

There were ordered from the Library of Congress for the main building 6,645 titles, of which 5,222 were received, and 1,423 cards ordered were not received. There was no record kept of cards added to seven departmental catalogs in the main building.

## CIRCULATION OF BOOKS 1914-15

Year	Home circulation of books	Daily average circulation	Books issued through Delivery stations	Books issued through branches (direct or station)	Fines collected
1874	7,659	295	.....	.....	\$ 3.65
1875	399,156	1,313	.....	.....	2,648.72
1880	306,751	1,002	.....	.....	1,775.72
1885	519,691	1,704	65,271	.....	3,088.00
1890	843,971	2,830	201,257	.....	4,853.75
1895	1,147,862	3,816	545,866	.....	5,543.88
1900	1,749,775	5,769	1,143,391	.....	7,196.98
1905	1,336,199	4,400	788,657	4,336	6,732.20
1906	1,411,106	4,548	846,802	36,343	7,484.91
1907	1,414,292	4,521	844,415	52,451	8,284.65
1908	1,601,645	5,046	954,000	71,074	8,662.83
1909	1,777,142	5,885	1,129,450	70,486	9,162.63
1910	1,805,012	5,938	1,135,848	184,956	10,151.94
1911	2,256,022	7,397	1,075,376	592,454	12,851.36
1912	2,587,232	8,455	948,815	1,063,740	14,196.22
1913	3,037,035	9,587	883,366	1,396,422	15,359.64
1914	3,428,638	11,261	804,987	1,680,529	16,803.41
1915	4,326,057	14,184	820,227	2,310,701	18,636.64

## BOOK ACCESSIONS 1914-15

Year	Volumes in library	Total accessions	Volumes purchased	Volumes donated	Expended for books	Books worn out	Accessions of pamphlets
1874	18,183	11,331	9,899	1,432	\$10,733.11	.....	2,638
1875	39,236	21,053	20,122	969	28,410.63	38	1,944
1880	67,772	8,440	7,799	641	7,404.52	1,137	487
1885	111,621	6,836	5,692	1,144	6,899.14	698	3,201
1890	156,242	10,908	10,073	835	11,148.66	3,507	1,635
1895	211,157	18,485	16,727	975	19,431.18	5,595	1,236
1900	258,498	12,911	9,651	1,622	12,476.70	3,905	1,807
1905	304,510	22,879	18,436	2,097	19,884.79	8,000	3,456
1906	323,610	26,236	22,616	1,997	24,013.53	6,365	4,042
1907	339,282	24,987	21,927	1,438	20,078.07	8,303	2,596
1908	352,093	25,843	22,353	1,765	24,262.76	11,466	1,499
1909	365,349	28,197	25,303	1,315	27,064.70	12,900	868
1910	402,848	55,990	51,482	2,693	45,520.85	14,688	132
1911	448,073	58,644	54,504	2,070	46,283.09	10,020	2,022
1912	481,708	50,952	45,834	3,655	43,190.29	10,340	1,944
1913	514,259	47,467	39,035	6,368	38,136.33	9,503	1,734
1914	571,358	78,231	73,228	2,670	65,779.48	21,132	2,805
1915	627,619	75,837	69,305	3,901	61,661.31	12,796	10,251

## CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS

	Vols. in library May 31, 1914	Total ac- cessions 1914-15	Net ac- cessions 1914-15	Vols. in library May 31, 1915
History .....	27,465	1,566	1,394	28,859
Biography .....	19,185	846	748	19,933
Travels .....	18,235	1,447	1,315	19,550
Poetry and Drama .....	13,073	1,565	1,377	14,450
Essays and Miscellanies .....	6,387	306	245	6,632
Polygraphy and C. W. ....	4,699	23	22	4,721
Fine Arts .....	15,037	1,773	1,338	16,375
Natural Science .....	14,474	824	707	15,181
Practical Arts .....	33,327	2,564	2,199	35,526
Political and Social Science ..	17,846	2,419	2,291	20,137
Language and Literature ..	12,375	1,667	1,446	13,821
Mental and Moral Science ..	9,955	1,451	1,370	11,325
Ancient Classics .....	1,812	72	62	1,874
Religion .....	10,235	742	707	10,942
Medicine .....	2,337	392	368	2,705
Law .....	1,520	144	135	1,655
Periodicals .....	53,024	1,234	1,206	54,230
Documents .....	29,969	2,271	2,271	32,240
Bibliography .....	5,386	447	438	5,824
Dictionaries, etc. ....	8,226	510	285	8,511
English Fiction .....	107,040	16,963	12,898	119,938
Juvenile .....	93,536	25,929	14,021	107,557
German Literature .....	26,742	1,499	1,050	27,792
French Literature .....	12,334	660	589	12,923
Italian Literature .....	1,937	10	-27	1,910
Spanish Literature .....	1,216	20	17	1,233
Portuguese Literature .....	44	.....	.....	44
Dutch Literature .....	1,474	7	1	1,475
Bohemian Literature .....	5,618	25	-324	5,294
Lettish Literature .....	490	1	2	492
Polish Literature .....	3,578	147	54	3,632
Russian Literature .....	885	1,586	1,550	3,435
Scandinavian Literature ..	8,588	46	-87	8,501
Hungarian Literature .....	235	.....	-3	232
Lithuanian Literature .....	636	12	8	544
Welsh Literature .....	7	.....	.....	7
Japanese and Chinese Lit. .	134	.....	1	135
Books for the Blind .....	1,388	183	182	1,570
Yiddish .....	885	2,603	2,526	3,411
Music (Volumes) .....	.....	2,650	2,648	2,648
Music (Sheet) .....	.....	1,232	1,232	1,232
Other Languages .....	24	1	-1	23
Total .....	571,358	75,837	56,261	627,619







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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1915-1916

	Expiration of Term
ANTONIO LAGORIO, <i>President</i> .....	1915
MAX HENIUS, <i>Vice-President</i> .....	1917
SAMUEL DESPRES (until Feb. 28).....	1915
OSCAR G. MAYER.....	1915
JAMES J. HEALY.....	1916
FRANK J. POKORNEY.....	1916
T. FRANK O'CONNELL.....	1916
PHILIP M. KSYCKI.....	1917
CHARLES C. BREYER.....	1917
ALFRED E. BARR (from Feb. 28).....	1918

NOTE: The Board reorganized February 28, by the election of Director Henius as President and Director Breyer as Vice-President.

HARRY G. WILSON, *Secretary to the Board.*

## STANDING COMMITTEES

1915-1916

July 1, 1915—March 13, 1916

*Library:* Directors Despres, Henius and Pokorney.

*Administration:* Directors Mayer, O'Connell and Breyer.

*Buildings and Grounds:* Directors Healy, Breyer and Ksycki.

March 13, 1916—July 1, 1916

*Library:* Directors Pokorney, Lagorio and Barr.

*Administration:* Directors Ksycki, Mayer and O'Connell.

*Buildings and Grounds:* Directors Healy, Breyer and Barr.

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# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

APRIL 11, 1872, to JULY 1, 1916

WITH THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| Allen, James Lane, 1880-82.               | Herhold, Frederick H., 1897-1901.    |
| *Anthony, Elliott, 1872-77.               | Hirsch, Emil G., 1888-97.            |
| *Armstrong, Geo. B., 1881-82;<br>1908-11. | Hotz, Ferdinand C., 1875-81.         |
| Barr, Alfred E., 1899; 1916-1918.         | *Hoyne, Thos., 1872-75.              |
| Beebe, Wm. H., 1887-89.                   | Hutchinson, Chas. L., 1898-01.       |
| *Billings, Albert M., 1875-78.            | Hynes, Wm. J., 1881-87.              |
| *Blodgett, Edward A., 1908-10.            | *Kadlec, L. W., 1880-89.             |
| Bowers, James F., 1901-08.                | Kaspar, Wm., 1889-94.                |
| Bradley, J. Harley, 1887.                 | Keeley, Thos. F., 1894-97.           |
| Breyer, Charles C., 1913-17.              | *Kent, Wm. D., 1888-89.              |
| *Brine, Geo. J., 1886-87.                 | Ksycki, Philip M., 1911-17.          |
| *Brosseau, Z. P., 1893-96; 1901-07.       | Kuflewski, W. A., 1899-02.           |
| *Callaghan, B., 1880-96.                  | Lagorio, Antonio, 1906-15.           |
| Cigrand, B. J., 1903-10.                  | Lewke, Otto W., 1897-1900.           |
| Collins, Michael J., 1912-13.             | *Lindstrand, Frans A., 1903-06.      |
| *Curran, Wm., 1882-83.                    | *Loewenthal, B., 1875-82.            |
| Despres, Samuel, 1903-06; 1912-15.        | Lowe, John W., 1902-06.              |
| Diener, T. C., 1893-95.                   | McCormick, Robert S., 1895-01.       |
| Dreyer, Edw. S., 1889-95.                 | McDowell, Malcolm, 1913-14.          |
| Eckhart, John W., 1901-07.                | MacMillan, T. C., 1882-87.           |
| Egan, Dennis J., 1903-05.                 | Mannhardt, Emil, 1885-88.            |
| *Enright, John W., 1883-88.               | Mason, George, 1874-80.              |
| *Forrester, Robert H., 1879-80.           | Mayer, Oscar, 1914-15.               |
| Frank, Mortimer, 1910-13.                 | Meeker, Arthur, 1900-03.             |
| Franks, Jacob, 1897-03.                   | *Moos, Bernhard, 1887-96.            |
| *Freeman, Henry V., 1910-13.              | *Moses, Adolph, 1882-88.             |
| Fyffe, Colin C. H., 1903-05.              | Novak, John L., 1905-08.             |
| *Garibaldi, John G., 1900-02.             | *Onahan, Wm. J., 1874-81.            |
| *Gunderson, S. T., 1895-98.               | O'Connell, T. Frank, 1913-16.        |
| *Hamilton, John B., 1896-98.              | Peabody, Francis S., 1899-03.        |
| *Hatch, Azel F., 1890-93; 1894-1900.      | *Plamondon, Chas. A., 1899-02; 1915. |
| *Hayes, Samuel S., 1872-75.               | Pokorney, Frank J., 1913-16.         |
| Healy, J. J., 1913-16.                    | *Queal, Robert F., 1872-76.          |
| Hedenberg, James W., 1895-98.             | *Raster, Hermann, 1872-75.           |
| Heldmann, Geo. D., 1902-03.               | Rawson, Frederick H., 1908-11.       |
| Henius, Max, 1911-17.                     | *Rend, Wm. P., 1889-92.              |
|   | Rogers, Henry W., 1883-85.           |
|   | *Rosenthal, Julius, 1872-75.         |
|   | Roulston, Robert J., 1905-13.        |

- Rubens, Harry, 1879-85.  
 Ryan, Andrew J., 1898-99.  
 \*Schmidt, Ernst, 1881-82.  
 \*Scranton, Abner R., 1876-79.  
 \*Sheahan, James W., 1872-74.  
 \*Shields, Michael, 1902-03.  
 \*Shorey, Daniel L., 1872-80.  
 \*Shortall, John G., 1886-95.  
 \*Smith, Pliny B., 1888-94.  
 \*Smith, Robert J., 1890-93.  
 Smith, Sidney, 1877-79.  
 \*Smyth, John M., 1892-95.  
 \*Sheahan, Jas. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20, 1872.  
 \*Wickersham, W. B., Secretary from July 20, 1872, to October 15, 1908.  
 Wilson, Harry G., Acting Secretary, October 15, 1908, to March 11, 1909. Secretary since March 11, 1909.  
 \*Poole, Wm. F., LL. D., Librarian from October 25, 1873, to August 1, 1887.  
 \*Hild, Frederick H., Librarian from October 15, 1887, to April 30, 1909.  
 Roden, Carl B., Acting Librarian from May 1, 1909, to October 11, 1909.  
 Legler, Henry E., Librarian since October 11, 1909.

- Sprague, Otho S. A., 1878-81.  
 Stern, Julius, 1906-12.  
 \*Swazey, Arthur, 1885-87.  
 Taylor, Graham, 1906-12.  
 Umbdenstock, Michael, 1887-90.  
 \*Van Osdel, John M., 1896-99.  
 \*Wait, Horatio L., 1910-13.  
 \*Walker, J. B., 1875-83.  
 Waterman, Arba N., 1908-10.  
 \*Wells, Wm. H., 1882-85.  
 \*Williams, Norman, 1887-89.  
 \*Woodard, Willard, 1872-74.

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\*Deceased.

## LIBRARY STAFF

May 31, 1916

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ADMINISTRATION—Henry E. Legler, *librarian*; Carl B. Roden, *assistant librarian*; Gertrude C. Shine, *librarian's secretary*; Walter A. Faerber, *page*.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE—Harry G. Wilson, *secretary*; Emanuel Holy, Minnie E. Wills, James W. McGovern, James Berardo.

ACCESSIONS DIVISION—Caroline Bernhardt, Bessie H. Palmer, Lora A. Rich, *principal assistants*; Katherine E. Brady, Anna V. Donnelly, Rose Lillibridge, Ethel Owen, *senior assistants*; Dorothy Brown, *junior assistant*; Robert H. Stracke, *page*.

ARTS AND CRAFTS DIVISION—Frank E. Waska, *chief*; Irma A. Sachen, *junior assistant*; Nathan Kier, *page*.

CATALOG DIVISION—Bessie Goldberg, *chief*; Gladys Arnold, Anna C. Reque, *head assistants*; Lucy E. Brown, Emily T. Larson, *principal catalogers*; Irma L. Snyder, *senior cataloger*; Florence W. Arnold, Samuel Kaplan, Pyrrha B. Sheffield, *senior assistants*; Minnie Grube, *multigraph operator*.

CIRCULATION DIVISION—James C. Barbee, *chief*; George S. King, *head assistant*; Elizabeth Barnes, *senior assistant*; Florence L. Berg, Katharine H. Firebaugh, Daisy Furchgott, Marion Oliver, *junior assistants*; Chester Cole, *messenger*; Charles T. Brock, Paul C. Bronston, Winthrop Brown, Benjamin Browning, Maurice Clarke, Stephen Doyle, Benjamin Efron, George F. Elger, Michael M. Epstein, Albert Finkle, Louis Goodman, George S. Harris, Edmund L. Harrison, Otto Hulicius, James H. Keith, Harlow O. Lindeberg, Julius F. Meyer, Archie O'Callaghan, Joseph Patera, William Rothbauer, Francis Ryan, Harry C. Sloan, Maurice Weitzman, *pages*.

LOAN DIVISION—May I. Carroll, *chief*; Margaret C. O'Shaughnessy, *principal assistant*; Irene Ives, Jessie E. Reed, *senior assistants*; Rosalie Beale, *junior assistant*.

DEPOSITS DIVISION—Pearl I. Field, *chief*; Ida B. Johnson, *senior assistant*; Anne L. Cylkowski, Helen T. Doan, Cecelia Georgas, Marguerite McQuillen, Elizabeth Stone, *junior assistants*; Marie Bartolomei, Sadie M. Bernstein, Viola E. Helmuth, Viola McClory, *library typists*; Helen Kasmar, *book repairer*; Lee A. Parker, Adolph Tychsen, *pages*.

STATIONS DIVISION—William A. Purer, *chief*; Christian Sonne, *head assistant*; George F. Bell, Harold Hellgren, *principal assistants*; Raymond Dwyer, James Edwards, Herman Miller, William Renner, Joseph Rzepin-

ski, Emma Shaw, *senior assistants*; Jacob Cohen, *messenger*; Louise M. Corbin, Agatha Wieboldt, *junior assistants*; Osceola A. Browning, Aaron E. Butler, Albert P. Hergesheimer, John McDonald, Henry Petersen, George F. Proctor, Otto Refke, Alfred C. Rogers, Edward H. Saperstein, Claud V. Scott, Abe Shapiro, Tracy Smith, Lawrence Strauss, Cleophas Theriault, Howard Weekley, Isadore B. Weissburd, Joseph Weitzenfeld, *pages*; John D. Barchard, John Gawron, Fred C. Lutter, William J. Soper, John Wallenborn, George A. Wiborg, *automobile operators*; Edward C. Hartwig, *automobile caretaker*.

REFERENCE DIVISION—Carrie L. Elliott, *chief*; Amelia M. Platt, *head assistant*; William C. Firebaugh, John F. James, Charles F. Zak, *principal assistants*; John H. Abbott, Charles L. Green, Margaret Kearney, G. V. Mariotti, Mary E. Rae, *senior assistants*; John B. Bloom, *page*.

CIVICS DIVISION—Charles Lhotka, *chief*; Jessie M. Woodford, *principal cataloger*; Edith Kammerling, *principal assistant*; Agnes Donoghue, Edward Henwood, Edward Peterson, *senior assistants*; Clara Barnes, Ruth Goldstone, *junior assistants*; Norman J. Allison, *library typist*.

MUNICIPAL REFERENCE DIVISION—Frederick Rex, *municipal reference librarian*; Helen I. Fix, *senior assistant*.

INSTRUCTION DIVISION—Faith E. Smith, *director of training class*; Mary A. Wilson, *senior assistant*; Ralph C. Elliott, *page*.

PERIODICALS DIVISION—Reider Arentz, *chief*; James H. Biddle, Charles J. Macko, *senior assistants*.

PUBLICATIONS DIVISION—Anna J. Ferguson, Anna Riordan, *principal assistants*; Maude H. T. Freeman, *senior cataloger*.

REGISTRY DIVISION—Lilyan G. Morawski, *chief*; Katharine A. Donovan, *head assistant*; Loretto M. Crowe, Mary E. Ryan, Blanche V. Shaw, *senior assistants*; Mary A. Neylen, *junior assistant*; Isadore Glick, *messenger*; John G. Mau, Josephine Polk, Anna C. Powers, Evelyn Wall, *library typists*; Bessie R. Moberg, *book repairer*.

BINDERY DIVISION—J. Ritchie Patterson, *chief*; Mary M. Hishen, *principal assistant*; Margaret Crain, A. Agnes O'Brien, *senior assistants*; Lottie Bewers, Marguerite Hollingsworth, Hattie O'Neal, Kathryn Stevens, Catherine Thomson, May Weaymouth, *book repairers*; George Hillman, *page*.

EVENING DIVISION—Benjamin M. Smith, *chief*; Joseph J. Augustus, Nathan R. Levin, *principal assistants*; Walter B. Flintrup, Salvatore Lange, *senior assistants*; Steven Klos, Rocco Motto, William P. Perlman, *messengers*; Emmet J. Allen, Walter Deegan, Lee R. Egan, Michael Janowsky, Jacob D. Levin, Benjamin Rudy, Levi E. Southe, *pages*.

SWITCHBOARD—Rebecca M. Burke, *clerk*.

BRANCHES DIVISION—John F. Phelan, *chief*; Alice M. Farquhar, *principal assistant*; Roey Cowen, Nellie E. Doran, Prudence Higley, Faith Mix, M. Lillian Ryan, *senior assistants*; Gwendolen Crawford, Augusta Kes-



sell, Bernadine McLaughlin, *junior assistants*; Barry Forman, Alice Pullman, *library typists*; Jesse Pruskauer, *page*; Nathan Dolnitzky, Leo Henikoff, Abraham Shanberg, *pages* (traveling substitutes).

ARMOUR SQUARE BRANCH—Daisy McHale, *branch librarian*; Emmet J. O'Neill, *page*.

AUSTIN BRANCH—Julia A. Baker, *branch librarian*; Charlotte E. Hartmann, Nellie W. Marlatt, *senior assistants*; Gladys L. Donahue, Ruth V. Peterson, *junior assistants*; Melville E. Eaton, *page*; Charles Gerloff, *janitor*.

BESSEMER PARK BRANCH—Pearl E. Feddersen, *branch librarian*; Frances Golombowski, *junior assistant*.

BLACKSTONE BRANCH—Mary W. Wood, *branch librarian*; Anna W. Thayer, *senior assistant*; Helen R. Beaumont, Helen Crowe, Gail H. Hinman, Martha Mott, *junior assistants*; Michael Leberstein, *page*; John Renkosciewicz, *engineer-janitor*.

BURR SCHOOL BRANCH—Gertrude Husenetter, *branch librarian*; Annie Batchelder, *senior assistant*; Abraham Appelbaum, *page*.

CORNELL SQUARE BRANCH—Catherine J. Fox, *branch librarian*; Lorene Campbell, *junior assistant*; Stanley J. Nowicki, *page*.

DAVIS SQUARE BRANCH—Evangeline Beck, *branch librarian*; Richard Regensburger, *page*.

DOUGLAS PARK BRANCH—Harriet I. Baer, *branch librarian*; Rebecca M. Bond, Cecilia M. Troy, *senior assistants*; Helen L. Browne, May M. Cornwall, Stella A. Turek, *junior assistants*; Isadore Druess, Robert M. Mandel, *pages*; Daniel Horrigan, *janitor*.

DVORAK PARK BRANCH—Helen H. Forman, *branch librarian*; Bessie Markson, *junior assistant*; John B. McCauley, *page*.

ECKHART PARK BRANCH—Julia A. Gerloff, *branch librarian*; Dorothy Norton, Sue Wuchter, *junior assistants*; Edward F. Eckhardt, *page*.

FORESTVILLE SCHOOL BRANCH—Helen Barlow, *branch librarian*.

FULLER PARK BRANCH—Kate B. Chase, *branch librarian*; Mildred F. Goodnow, *junior assistant*; William Yonker, *page*.

HAMILTON PARK BRANCH—Frances C. Cantner, *branch librarian*; Frances E. Boyd, Harriet E. McCay, *junior assistants*; Joseph Lindenbaum, *page*.

HAMLIN PARK BRANCH—Maude Blake, *branch librarian*; Catherine McNulty, *senior assistant*; Horace B. Harte, *page*.

HEBREW INSTITUTE BRANCH—Mathilda S. Nodek, *branch librarian*; Gertrude Leberstine, Mary Livshis, Florence Mayerson, *junior assistants*; Max Goldenson, Jacob Nemerofsky, Goldye Salganick, *pages*.

HOLSTEIN PARK BRANCH—Charlotte L. Olson, *branch librarian*; Margit Arentz, Phyllis Cleaver, *junior assistants*; Otto Laske, *page*.

HUMBOLDT PARK BRANCH—Ada M. Lanquist, *branch librarian*; Fanchon I. Henderson, *senior assistant*; Helene M. La Berge, Rebecca McKesson, Camille Rigali, *junior assistants*; Meyer Halushka, Louis M. Kaplan, *pages*; Bob Jones, *janitor*.

INDEPENDENCE PARK BRANCH—Adah M. Anderson, *branch librarian*; Edmund F. Foley, *page*.

HIRAM KELLY BRANCH—Adah F. Whitcomb, *branch librarian*; Edith F. Long, Eliza Pendry, *senior assistants*; Olive Griffith, Cora I. Hough, Erva E. Romaine, Ruth Sweeney, Helen F. Wilson, *junior assistants*; R. Field Crosby, Henry E. Thomson, *pages*; Thomas P. Conry, *engineer-janitor*.

LEWIS INSTITUTE BRANCH—Janet M. Green, *branch librarian*; Vivian G. Harsh, *senior assistant*; Ruth Chandler, Margaret McDonald, Geraldine Scott, *junior assistants*; Frank Magilner, Gladstone Matejka, *pages*; Daniel Horrigan, *janitor*.

LINCOLN CENTER BRANCH—Mary Moser, *branch librarian*; Louise M. Hannagan, *senior assistant*; Roberta P. Cooke, *junior assistant*; James Crowe, *page*.

LOGAN SQUARE BRANCH—Emma Levin, *branch librarian*; Lillian V. Leviash, Sylvia Oakley, Adelaide V. Post, *junior assistants*; Clyde F. Bentley, *page*; Emily Menz, *janitress*.

MARK WHITE BRANCH—Anna I. Kelley, *branch librarian*; Ada Cole, *junior assistant*; Daniel J. Hussey, *page*.

OGDEN PARK BRANCH—Minnie S. Clark, *branch librarian*; Elizabeth Bell, Philomena E. Brennan, *senior assistants*; Sonja Wennerblad, *junior assistant*; Raymond Lumpp, *page*.

PALMER PARK BRANCH—Muriel Dunne, *branch librarian*; Margaret D. Hill, *junior assistant*.

PULASKI PARK BRANCH—Margaret E. Ely, *branch librarian*; Nordica Fenneman, *senior assistant*; Frances M. Cowan, *junior assistant*; Bruno Nowakowski, *page*.

SEWARD PARK BRANCH—Mary Pomerene, *branch librarian*; Jennie Smock, *junior assistant*; Philip Carney, *page*.

SHERIDAN BRANCH—Myrtle E. Sette, *branch librarian*; Lorette Jenks, Genevieve O'Leary, *senior assistants*; Mabel C. Moderwell, *junior assistant*; Axel Bay, *page*; Ketí Bogusz, *janitress*.

SHERMAN PARK BRANCH—Alberta L. McDermott, *branch librarian*; Evelyn W. Morgan, *junior assistant*; Peter J. Werner, *page*.

<sup>1</sup> STANFORD PARK BRANCH—Mildred M. Burke, *branch librarian*; Katherine Stites, Ivae Walker, *junior assistants*; Benjamin Levin, *page*.

STANTON PARK BRANCH—Winifred J. Lagorio, *branch librarian*; Carrie Schade, *junior assistant*; Meyer Pidot, *page*.

SUMNER SCHOOL BRANCH—Ella J. Horrobin, *branch librarian*; Adeline Neiman, *junior assistant*; Stephen A. Ryan, *page*.

WALKER BRANCH—Clara L. German, *branch librarian*; Hilda R. Bronson, *library cadet*; Frank M. McClain, *janitor*.

WEST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET BRANCH—Bird Morrison, *branch librarian*; Jessie Lawson, *senior assistant*; Sarah Berman, Sarah Elkin, *junior assistants*; Harry Blummer, *page*.

AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL BRANCH—Helen S. Babcock, *branch librarian*; Ruth McLaughlin, *junior assistant*; Agnes C. Geisbush, Elizabeth Olson, Beth Uphaus, *library cadets*.

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL BRANCH—Edith Erskine, *branch librarian* (Olive E. Pillsbury, former branch librarian, on leave of absence); Florence Miller, *junior assistant*; Beatrice Kovarik, Helen Parelius, *library cadets*.

SENN HIGH SCHOOL BRANCH—Frances V. Rice, *branch librarian*; Louise Ayers, *senior assistant*; Leo Hertzman, *library cadet*.

WOODLAWN TRAVELING LIBRARY—Florence A. Royer, *librarian*; Dorothy Bastin, *senior assistant*; Morris Schrero, *page*; Byrl A. Jorgensen, *library cadet*; J. Edward Turner, *janitor*.

EDISON PARK TRAVELING LIBRARY—Anna M. Culliton, *library cadet*.

ENGINEERS' DIVISION—Jacob Reitz, *chief engineer*; Robert G. Allison, Ernest A. Hart, Peter Ledeboer, Charles I. Moulton, *engineers*; Amby J. Beery, John Guthrie, John Stretch, *firemen*; D. E. Halberstadt, Peter J. Thurston, *mechanical and electrical engineers*; John Clarke, John Murray, *coal passers*; Thomas Guthrie, John T. Finn, *oilers*; Cosmo Pacente, *laborer*.

JANITORS' DIVISION—James J. Linehan, *custodian of buildings*; John Ampey, Joseph Bennett, Frank Bergman, William Bridges, Walter Gacek, James C. King, Martin R. Logan, William M. McDarmed, Frank Malina, John Meredith, Peter Murphy, William Shanley, *janitors*; Josephena Anderson, Agnes Cronin, Josephine Cubecheck, Mary Higgins, Florence McKenzie, Mary Mangan, Mrs. Bridget Moran, Catherine Murray, Florence Voight, *janitresses*; Dominick Carsello, Alessandro Farroli, *marble cleaners*; Emil Schoenbacher, *wood finisher*; John Christian, Ernst Grabe, Christian Ullrich, *watchmen*; John McKay, Axel F. Olson, Robert H. Proudie, *window washers*; Nicholas A. Anderson, Bert Harris, *carpenters*; Oscar Carlson, Charles F. Jackson, Ellsworth Jones, Clyde Middleton, Frank Prochaska, John F. Ryan, Michael J. Sheridan, George Wedel, *elevator operators*; John R. Carleton, *coat-room attendant*.

**FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OF**  
**THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL, CITY OF CHICAGO.

*Gentlemen:* The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library presents herewith the annual report of the library for the year ended May 31, 1916, being the forty-fourth annual report. The increased revenues which became available January 1, 1916, have made it possible to renew the Board's activities in extending the work of the library not only through the many agencies for the circulation of books, but also by making extensive changes in the main building whereby many departments are given the room which the great growth of the library in the last few years has demanded. The installation of an entresol floor at the southwest corner of the building, and a new steel book-stack, are among the principal improvements in the main building.

With the opportunity afforded by the anticipated increased revenues, the Board last December adopted a report on future plans and policies, and which, while it is too early to make a definite report thereon, the following items taken from the report are of interest and note the specific trend of the work in the hands of the Board:

(1) Book supply, including an emergency expenditure of ten thousand dollars for a number of the branches which are so urgently in want of an additional supply that steps have been taken, with the approval and authorization of the Library Committee, to anticipate the forthcoming apportionment of funds for the purpose.

(2) Additional branches and outside agencies, concerning which the Library Committee has submitted an important report of needs and possibilities.

(3) Main library changes for more effective service, as outlined in detail by the Buildings Committee, with a view to largely increasing convenience of service and facilities for work, with retrenchment of current cost in handling the routine work of the library.

(4) Staff reorganization, greatly strengthening some of the departments and introducing modern methods of classification in the central collection.

Among the new agencies may be noted the branches opened in the Austin, Senn and Harrison High Schools. These high school branches are a new venture in the Board's work of bringing the resources of the library directly to its patrons, and the use made by the students and teachers, not only in the circulation of books for home use, but also for reference work, fully justifies the co-operation of the Board of Education and the Library Board in extending this branch of the service to all the high schools of the city as rapidly as possible.

As a first step in the Board's policy of extending the branch library system throughout the city, a site has been purchased for a branch in Woodlawn near the corner of Kimbark avenue and Sixty-third street, and plans and specifications are now under way for a building which we expect to occupy early next fall.

The total number of agencies through which books are distributed directly to readers is 944, an increase of 46 over the number a year ago.

The circulation of books for home use was 4,755,656, an increase of ten per cent over the previous year.

The total amount expended for books during the year was \$72,171.42, and the total number of volumes in the library May 31, 1916, was 701,059.

A detailed statement of the financial operation of the Board and detailed statistics of the circulation growth of the library and activities of the various departments of the library may be found in the reports of the Secretary and Librarian, which are appended hereto.

With deepest regret the Board records the death of Mr. George B. Armstrong, former member of the Library Board,

The trust funds of the Board, amounting to \$278,000, are invested in municipal bonds—a list of which is attached to the

financial report of the Secretary. The income from the Hiram Kelly bequest, amounting to approximately \$11,000 per annum, is used for the maintenance of the Kelly Branch Library.

The securities and cash in the hands of the City Treasurer, *ex-officio* treasurer of the Public Library Employees' Pension Fund, now aggregate \$148,400. The pension roll now contains the names of eight former employes of the Board, with annual pensions amounting to \$4,068.

In conclusion the Board wishes to express its appreciation of the faithful services rendered by the officers and members of the staff in all departments of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

MAX HENIUS, *President*;

CHAS. C. BREYER, *Vice-President*;

A. LAGORIO,

PHILIP M. KSYCKI,

JAMES H. HEALY,

DR. F. J. POKORNEY,

T. FRANK O'CONNELL,

OSCAR G. MAYER,

ALFRED E. BARR,

*Board of Directors.*

Chicago, June 26, 1916.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Public Library.  
Chicago, June 26, 1916.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Gentlemen:* As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1916:

## PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1916

#### *Receipts*

Taxes 1913 and prior years.....		\$ 2,567.95
Taxes 1914 collected June 1, 1915-Dec. 31, 1915....	\$205,025.89	
Taxes 1914 (Morgan Pk.) collected June 1, 1915, to Dec. 31, 1915.....	664.10	205,689.99
Sale tax warrants (taxes 1915).....		215,000.00
Taxes 1915 collected Jan. 1, 1916, to May 31, 1916..	\$ 254,229.64	
Less: Tax warrants 1915, redeemed.....	215,000.00	39,229.64
Unclaimed wages deposited back.....		13.76
Interest on cash in hands of City Treasurer.....		755.23
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Sale of finding lists.....	\$ 408.20	
Books lost and paid for.....	1,276.11	
Miscellaneous.....	1,462.24	
Sale of duplicates.....	20.00	3,166.55
		\$466,423.12
Fines for retention of books (paid to pension fund—see disbursements).....		20,911.43
		\$487,334.55
Security deposits:		
Deposits for library cards and books.....	\$ 3,190.70	
Deposits refunded .....	3,153.45	37.25
Total receipts during year.....		\$487,371.80
Funds June 1, 1915:		
Balance cash in hands of City Treasurer.....		22,766.86
Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary.....		1,680.75
		\$511,819.41

*Disbursements*

Books .....	\$ 66,455.29
Binding .....	28,195.76
Periodicals .....	8,325.98
Printing and stationery.....	7,781.53
Finding lists.....	2,922.72
Salaries, main library.....	204,767.83
Salaries, branches .....	75,602.48
Salaries, delivery stations and deposits.....	8,978.44
Delivery stations, miscellaneous.....	4,167.81
Branches, miscellaneous .....	7,476.74
Fuel .....	10,357.18
Heating and generating plant.....	1,357.56
Electric supplies and repairs.....	742.14
Elevator supplies and repairs.....	292.13
Janitors' expense.....	937.72
Insurance .....	2,203.76
Miscellaneous expense.....	3,330.09
Furniture and fixtures.....	7,771.50
Repairs, alterations and improvements.....	25,237.29
Freight and expressage.....	131.29
Postage .....	2,258.76
Books lost and paid for—refunds.....	224.90
Interest on 1915 tax warrants.....	464.43

Total expenditures.....\$469,983.33

Pension Fund:

Fines paid into pension fund..... 20,911.43

Funds May 31, 1916:

Cash in hands of City Treasurer..... 19,206.65

Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary..... 1,718.00

\$511,819.41

*Miscellaneous Funds*

INSURANCE FUND:

Balance June 1, 1915.....	\$	130.73
Adjustment of loss, delivery station fire.....		36.00

\$ 166.73

Books .....	\$	130.73
Balance May 31, 1916.....		36.00

166.73

RENTAL COLLECTION:

Balance June 1, 1915.....		572.20
Fees for loan of books.....		3,232.91

\$ 3,805.11

Books .....	\$	3,537.90
Balance May 31, 1916.....		267.21

3,805.11



## TRUST FUNDS

*Cash Receipts and Disbursements*

## KELLY FUND INCOME:

Balance June 1, 1915.....	\$	3,461.42
Income on investments.....		1,815.26
Transferred from Kelly Branch.....		154.72
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	\$	5,431.40
Rent of branches.....	\$	4,942.64
Balance May 31, 1916.....		488.76
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		5,431.40

## KELLY BRANCH LIBRARY FUND:

Balance June 1, 1915.....	\$	1,368.01
Income from investments.....		8,856.77
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		\$10,224.78
Books .....	\$1,150.87	
Periodicals .....	219.45	
Binding .....	798.10	
Salaries .....	5,899.31	
Heat and light.....	794.19	
Street improvements.....	295.97	
Miscellaneous expense.....	110.32	\$ 9,268.21
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Transferred to Kelly fund income.....	154.72	
Balance May 31, 1916.....	801.85	10,224.78
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## RYDER FUND INCOME:

Balance June 1, 1915.....	\$	78.71
Income from investments.....		426.15
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	\$	504.86
Books .....	\$	430.00
Balance May 31, 1916.....		74.86
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		504.86

## BEECHER FUND INCOME:

Balance June 1, 1915.....	\$	819.40
Income from investments.....		100.55
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	\$	919.95
Books (music collection).....	\$	752.38
Binding (music collection).....		38.19
Balance May 31, 1916.....		129.38
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		919.95

## JACKSON FUND INCOME:

Balance June 1, 1915.....	\$	154.82
Income from investments.....		28.47
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	\$	183.29
Books (books for the blind).....	\$	144.25
Balance May 31, 1916.....		39.04
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		183.29

*Summary of Balances*

May 31, 1916

## MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS:

Insurance fund.....	\$	36.00
Rental collection fund.....		267.21
	\$	<u>303.21</u>

## TRUST FUNDS—INCOME:

Kelly fund.....	\$488.76	
Kelly Branch.....	801.85	\$ 1,290.61
		<u>1,533.89</u>
Ryder fund.....	74.86	
Beecher fund.....	129.38	
Jackson fund.....	39.04	
		<u>1,837.10</u>

*Cash Reconciliation*

Public Library Fund—cash.....	\$ 1,718.00
Less incidental fund not yet reimbursed by City Treasurer.....	374.59
	<u>\$ 1,343.41</u>
Miscellaneous and trust fund—income shown above	1,837.10
	<u>Cash on hand and in banks as per Public Library books .....\$ 3,180.51</u>

*Trust Funds and Investments*

## TRUST FUNDS:

Hiram Kelly bequest.....	\$200,000.00
Wm. H. Ryder bequest.....	10,000.00
Jerome Beecher bequest.....	2,000.00
H. W. Jackson bequest.....	1,000.00
Hiram Kelly increment.....	65,000.00
	<u>\$278,000.00</u>

## INVESTMENTS:

Municipal bonds as per list attached (par value, \$278,000).....	\$277,411.76
Certificate of deposit.....	588.24
	<u>\$278,000.00</u>

## THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

No. of Bonds	Description	Rate	Matu- rity	Denomi- nation	Par Value
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1927	\$1,000	\$ 15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1928	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1929	1,000	15,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding..	4½%	1924	1,000	5,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding..	4½%	1925	1,000	5,000.00
8	City of Chicago, judgment refunding..	4½%	1926	1,000	8,000.00
1	City of Chicago, judgment refunding..	4½%	1927	1,000	1,000.00
7	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1922	1,000	7,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1919	1,000	1,000.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1919	1,000	3,000.00
6	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1920	1,000	6,000.00
16	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1926	1,000	16,000.00
15	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1930	1,000	15,000.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1923	1,000	3,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
5	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	5,000.00
2	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	2,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	4,000.00
3	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	3,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	4,000.00
27	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	27,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	4,000.00
10	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1931	1,000	10,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	1,000.00
7	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	7,000.00
5	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1920	1,000	5,000.00
10	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	10,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
4	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	4,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1924	1,000	8,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1920	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1927	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Chicago Park Commissioners... 4%		1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Chicago Park Commissioners... 4%		1925	1,000	1,000.00
38	Lincoln Park, Town of Lake View... 4%		1923	1,000	38,000.00
7	Lincoln Park, Town of N. Chicago... 4%		1925	1,000	7,000.00
2	Lincoln Park Commissioners..... 4%		1931	1,000	2,000.00
1	Lincoln Park, Town of Lake View... 4%		1923	1,000	1,000.00
3	School District No. 39, Cook County.. 4%		1922	500	1,500.00
1	Central Pacific Railway Co..... 4%		1949	500	500.00
1	North Shore Electric Co..... 5%		1922	1,000	1,000.00
Certificate of deposit, Union Trust Co.					
No. D9302.....					588.24
					<u>\$278,588.24</u>

We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the year ended May 31, 1916, and find them to be correct.

We were permitted by the City Treasurer's office to examine the library account in the books of the city, and we find that the receipts of interest, taxes, etc., entered therein agree with the receipts in the library books.

In company with two of the Directors and the Secretary, we inspected the securities representing the various investments, all of which were produced to us. We have also examined the foregoing statements and compared them with the books, vouchers and securities, and we certify them to be correct.

Yours very truly,  
UNITED STATES AUDIT COMPANY,  
By W. B. FLERSHEM,  
*Certified Public Accountant.*

*Books*

Number of books in library June 1, 1915.....	627,619
Number of books purchased the past year.....	82,158
Number of books donated the past year.....	13,006
Number of books received from other sources.....	5,363
Total number of books added past year.....	100,527
Number of books worn out the past year.....	15,516
Number of books lost and paid for.....	1,362
Number of books delinquent 1914-15.....	649
Number of books missing 1914-15.....	7,610
Duplicate volumes disposed of 1915-16.....	2,132
Books found and money refunded.....	182
Total number of books subtracted the past year..	27,087
Total net additions the past year.....	73,440
Total number of volumes in library June 1, 1916.....	701,059
Total number of volumes unaccounted for in inventory of 1916.....	8,848

State of Illinois, }  
County of Cook. } ss.

I, H. G. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. WILSON,  
*Secretary.*

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26th day of June, 1916.

JAMES BUGGIE,  
*Notary Public.*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

### I.

Since 1910, the Chicago Public Library has expanded its service at a phenomenal rate. Necessarily there has been a large increase in the number of library assistants engaged in rendering this service. The increase in the staff has in turn made necessary a thorough reorganization, to establish standards of efficiency, and to determine requisite factors for promotion and for salary increases. These rules of procedure have been formulated within the requirements of the municipal civil service, and with certain modifications have been applied with fairly satisfactory results.

### II.

The growth of the library service may be summarized as follows for the period covered:

Dividing the last decade into two five-year periods, the circulation of books for home use (excluding all hall use of books at the main building and in the branches, of which no count was kept, and deducting all reference use of books as well) shows the following totals:

1906-1910 .....	8,009,197
1911-1915 .....	15,634,984
Gain in five years.....	7,625,787

The increase in the number of branches since 1909 is shown in the appended table:

No. branches	No. branches
1909..... 1	1913..... 26
1910..... 6	1914..... 30
1911..... 12	1915..... 32
1912..... 25	1916..... 37

New departments and activities were established as follows:

Open shelves .....	1910
Training class .....	1910
Deposit stations .....	1910
Classroom libraries .....	1910
Vacation cards issued.....	1911
Book Bulletin .....	1911
Business house branches.....	1911
Traveling libraries .....	1911
Civics Room .....	1912
Summer cards .....	1912

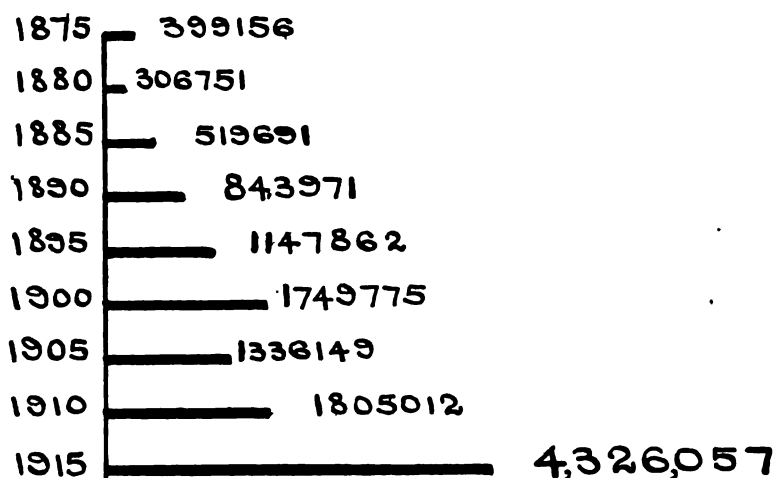
Municipal Reference Department.....	1913
Study Room for Women.....	1913
Foreign Book Room.....	1914
Music Room .....	1914
Parcel Post Delivery.....	1914
Package libraries .....	1915
High school branches.....	1916

The number of registered card holders increased from 96,889 in 1909 to 289,504 in 1916.

The gain in class-room use, which was begun in 1910, is indicated by the following figures:

1910.....	25,014	1914.....	180,459
1911.....	60,586	1915.....	227,057
1912.....	79,994	1916.....	296,776
1913.....	112,992		

In graphic form, the home circulation of books as shown by five-year periods gives the following figures:



[ Note: Circulation for  
1915-'16 — 4,802,432 ]

### III.

The entire number of employes in all departments of the library service May 31, 1916, was 402, including engineers and caretakers. Every member of the staff, from page to chief

librarian, is subject to civil service regulations. In 1910 the Board adopted, for the first time, a scheme of gradings and promotions, based on examinations by the Civil Service Commission, with annual automatic salary increases, and with some modifications this plan has remained in force to date. The grading of the service, with salaries that apply in grades and in groups within grades, is shown in the following schedule:

Grade I—Junior library assistant.

Positions, the duties of which require some skill and accuracy, and a general training, but not necessarily much experience, and involving responsibility.

Group D .....	\$480
Group C (after 1 year's service).....	540
Group B (after 2 years' service).....	600
Group A (after 3 years' service).....	660

Grade II—Senior branch librarian, senior cataloger, senior library assistant.

Positions, the duties of which require training, experience and ability, which may or may not be supervisory, and which involve a higher degree of responsibility than Grade I positions.

Group E .....	\$720
Group D (after 1 year's service).....	780
Group C (after 2 years' service).....	840
Group B (after 3 years' service).....	900
Group A (after 4 years' service).....	960

Grade III—Principal branch librarian, principal cataloger, principal library assistant.

Positions, the duties of which are supervisory, involving accountability for the work of others. Also positions which require the exercise of independent judgment in the performance of specialized or expert duties, but not necessarily supervisory.

Group D .....	\$1,020
Group C (after 1 year's service).....	1,080
Group B (after 2 years' service).....	1,140
Group A (after 3 years' service).....	1,200

Grade IV—Head branch librarian, head library assistant, supervisor of special deposits, assistant statistician.

Positions, the duties of which are supervisory, involving accountability for the work of others in a larger branch or section than in the case of Grade III positions. Also positions the

duties of which require a higher order of specialized knowledge than in the case of Grade III positions, but not necessarily supervisory.

Group D .....	\$1,260
Group C (after 1 year's service).....	1,320
Group B (after 2 years' service).....	1,380
Group A (after 3 years' service).....	1,440

Grade V—Division chief, medical librarian, city statistician, school statistician.

Positions, the duties of which are administrative, requiring special qualifications and recognized expert knowledge and involving responsibility for the work of an entire bureau or division.

Group A .....	\$1,500-\$2,400
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Grade VI—Librarian, assistant librarian.

Positions, the duties of which are executive and administrative, involving responsibility for the work of an entire department and requiring the highest order of expert knowledge in technical library methods.

The page and messenger service belong in the class known as Clerical Service, which is graded as follows:

Grade I—Page, office attendant.

Positions, the duties of which are of general routine.

Group D .....	\$300
Group C (after 6 months' service in lower group).....	360
Group B (after 6 months' service in next lower group)...	420
Group A (after 1 year's service in next lower group)....	480

Grade II—Messenger, multigraph operator, stenographic assistant.

Positions, the duties of which require some skill and accuracy but not necessarily much practical experience, involving simple office routine.

Group D .....	\$540
Group C (after 1 year's service).....	600
Group B (after 2 years' service).....	660
Group A (after 3 years' service).....	720

#### IV.

Promotions from one group to the next higher group are annual, and are automatic, but subject to an efficiency rating of not less than 78 per cent. Efficiency marks are filed monthly



by division chiefs for all employes under their respective jurisdictions, and are based on the following general plan:

Highest efficiency represented by 85.  
 Absolute inefficiency represented by 0.  
 Average efficiency represented by 78.

In marking, 70 is equivalent to poor; 75, fair; 80, good; 83, very good; 85, excellent. Below 70 means work so unsatisfactory as to warrant separation from the service. For the purpose of arriving at efficiency ratings, efficiency is divided into four elements: Promptness, Accuracy, Deportment and Industry.

Lapses from Highest Efficiency may be of two kinds:

1. Violations of specific published laws and regulations.
2. Errors of judgment.

Culpable errors of judgment are those which may result in (a) loss or damage of library property; (b) inconvenience or dissatisfaction to patrons; (c) impairment of the dignity of the library, or the good of the service.

Promotions from one grade to the next higher grade are made from eligible lists resulting from examinations conducted by the Civil Service Commission.

Examinations, both original entrance and promotive, are held when eligible lists are exhausted, and thus occur at irregular intervals. For employes who seek promotion from one grade to the next higher grade, the factors are the following:

Duties .....	Weight of 5
Educational (penmanship) .....	Weight of 1
Report .....	Weight of 1
Efficiency .....	Weight of 2
Seniority .....	Weight of 1

The factors which determine original entrance examinations are:

Special subject .....	Weight of 5
Educational (penmanship) .....	Weight of 1
Experience .....	Weight of 3
Report .....	Weight of 1

The educational test takes into account the following factors:

1. Educational training, with the following maximum credits:
  - a. Common school ..... 30
  - b. High school ..... 30
  - c. College ..... 15
2. Experience and special training..... 25

Total.....100

The latter may comprise: (a) as librarian or full course in approved library school; (b) course in the Chicago Public Library training class, or other library training class of approved standing; (c) research work, or post-graduate work equivalent in value to above.

# V.

The service is recruited chiefly from the Training Class. The membership of the class is made up from a select number who qualify by entrance examination. Upon completion of the course, a Civil Service examination is given, and those who pass are eligible to appointment in Grade I. After six months of actual service in this grade, they may be promoted to the next grade upon passing an examination. The Training Class statistics, from inception of the class in February, 1910, up to date, are as follows:

Date of Opening	Number in Entrance Examination	Number Accepted	Number Entering	Number Completing Course	Number Now in Service	Period of Instruction	Number of Lectures
Feb., 1910.	17	8	8	6	3	5 months	107
Oct., 1910.	31	12	11	9	5	7 months	123
Oct., 1911.	62	17	13	9	6	6 months	130
Oct., 1912.	52	23	22	18	14	6 months	152
Mar., 1913.	24	12	10	8	4	3 months	83
Sept., 1913.	35	14	11	11	11	3 months	81
Mar., 1914.	26	14	11	11	5	3 months	85
Sept., 1914.	38	18	19	15	11	8 months	126
Sept., 1915.	38	26	22	20	20	5 months	138
Jan., 1916.	28	23	16	15	15	6 months	158
Total....	351	164	143	122	94 (in progress)		

While the outline of courses varies somewhat as to succeeding classes, in general the outline comprises the following topics:

## *Library Work in General*

The meaning of library work.....	1
History of libraries.....	1
Leading libraries .....	1
Librarians .....	1
The American Library Association.....	1
Visits to Chicago libraries.....	6
John Crerar, Newberry, Art Institute, Chicago Historical Society, University of Chicago, Oak Park.	
Special lectures, once a month.....	6
History of the printed book.....	3
Work of the Chicago Public Library.....	1
Total.....	21

*Courses Concerning the Work of this Library*

Alphabiting and note-taking.....	1
Handwriting .....	3
Cataloging .....	15
Classification .....	10
Order and accession.....	6
Book numbers and shelf-listing.....	4
Printing and proof-reading.....	1
Care of current periodicals.....	1
Business methods .....	3
Public documents .....	2
Work of the Thomas Hughes Room.....	2
Work with the blind.....	1
Work of the Civics Room.....	1
Work of the Branch Department.....	2
Work of the Deposit Department.....	1
Book-mending .....	2
Contents of the Art Room.....	1
Total.....	56

*Courses Concerning Work with the Public*

Loan Department .....	8
Current events .....	6
Reference work .....	13
Use of the finding lists.....	7
Book selection .....	18
Library work with children.....	20
Story telling .....	10
Total.....	88
Grand total .....	165

*Current Events*

Review each month of required reading in current periodicals.

*Classification. Ten Lessons.*

Instruction includes drill in the classification of subjects as well as books. Object of instruction is not to enable the class to classify difficult books, but to teach the meaning of the numbers, the relation of subordinate to general classes, and to fasten indelibly upon their minds what certain numbers stand for, so that when a patron asks for a specific subject the attendant will know the number of that subject at once.

*Order and Accession Work. Five Lessons and Quiz.*

1. Sources of bibliographical data concerning American and English books.  
American and English magazines containing literary criticisms.
2. Order cards for current books.  
Library records of current orders.  
Routine of book from receipt to accessioning.  
Accession book methods.
3. American and English trade bibliographies.
4. Order cards for extra copies.  
Order cards for replacements.  
Continuation cards, gift cards, series cards, edition cards.
5. Sources of information concerning newspapers and periodicals.  
Other bibliographical aids; British museum, A. L. A. catalog, Library catalogs, etc.
6. Quiz.  
Problems given with each lesson.

*Reference Work. Twelve Lessons and Quiz.*

A course is planned to give a general knowledge of the most used reference books, especially those that are found in the branch libraries. Reference questions, such as are asked by the public, are assigned with each lesson to test the student's ability to use the reference books.

1. Dictionaries and encyclopaedias.
2. History and biography.
3. Fine arts.
4. Natural science and useful arts.
5. Literature.
6. Literature.
7. Philosophy and religion.
8. Statistics.
9. Geography.
10. Indexes.
- 11-12. Periodicals.
13. Quiz.

*Cataloging. Fifteen Lessons and Quiz.*

The questioning method of instruction instead of the lecture method alone is used here. The course includes enough of cataloging to enable any apprentice to use the catalogs intelligently, to explain them to a library patron, and to know such cataloging methods as are necessary for making book lists, for reading other library lists, and to do simple cataloging in the branch libraries.

Problem work accompanies each lesson, and these are in the use of the card catalog as well as in cataloging books, with emphasis on the former.

Advantages of card catalog over printed.

Catalogs in this library: Public, official, recent books.

Definitions.

Information on cards.

Author, title and subject entries. Fullness of names. Title entry.

Author entry:

Pseudonyms.

Anonyms.

Joint authors.

Noblemen, sovereigns, ecclesiastics.

Music.

Author entry: Corporate entry.

Added entries: Translator, editor, illustrator.

Analytics.

Title entry as main entry.

Bible.

Encyclopaedias.

Periodicals and continuations.

Series.

Subject headings.

Principles governing choice of headings.

This library's list.

See and see also references.

Countries—subheads.

History—subheads.

Science—subheads.

Colored cards in C. P. L. catalog.

Corporate entries.

Arrangement.

Author's works.

Subjects.

U. S. author and subject.

Quiz.

### *Loan Department. Eight Lectures.*

Qualifications of a loan desk attendant.

Registration.

Charging system in main building.

Charging system in branches.

Open shelves, Foreign room.

Discharging books.

Overdue notices.

Ways of being helpful to the public.

Special exhibits of books.

Book lists posted.

Book lists made on request.

### *Finding Lists. Seven Lessons.*

Each lesson is accompanied with problems on different sections of the finding lists. Class hour occupied by drill in using lists.

### *Book Selection.*

Library work is primarily a book business, and those employed should know books and know how to select them for

other people. This course, therefore, is designed to present the principles of book selection in different classes, to give instruction concerning the aids in book selection (*e. g.*, Baker's Guide to best fiction), and to enable the class to become familiar with some representative books in different classes.

This work includes practice in making book lists.

Book selection principles. General select bibliographies.  
 Book annotation.  
 Periodicals containing book reviews.  
 History.  
 Biography.  
 Travel.  
 Fine arts.  
 Useful arts.  
 Science.  
 Sociology, philanthropy, etc.  
 Ethics and religion.  
 Literature.  
 Modern drama.  
 Poetry.  
 Fiction. General.  
 Fiction. Historical.  
 Fiction. Historical.  
 Fiction. Foreign.  
 Fiction. Foreign.  
 Review.

### *Library Work with Children.*

Sixty children's books, aside from books and articles on methods of work, are required to be read during the course.

1. Influence of books upon children. Importance of careful selection in libraries.
2. Classics for children.
3. Lists of children's books. Aids in selection.
4. Books for boys. What not to buy.
5. Books for boys. Stepping stones, popular books, standards.
6. Books for girls.
7. Love stories for girls.
8. Poetry for children.
9. Fairy tales and folklore.
10. History and travel.
11. Books for little children.
12. Illustrators of children's books.
13. Best editions.
14. Biography for children.
15. Story telling.
16. Reading circles.
17. Administration of a children's room.
18. Rules and regulations.
19. Picture bulletins.

### *Business Methods. Three Lessons.*

1. Correspondence.
2. Statistics.
3. Schedules.

## VI.

Members of the staff, upon recommendation of department heads, are permitted to take certain courses with the class. In order to assist members of the staff ambitious to secure equipment for higher grade work, and for possible promotion, a staff lecture and reading course was offered, beginning in October and terminating in February. Every member of the staff, with the exception of sixteen, registered for one or more of the courses. The reading course was distinct from the lecture courses. Of the latter, eighteen were on technical or professional subjects, and sixteen on literary and cultural topics. The plan was announced at a staff meeting and emphasis was placed on the voluntary feature of participation. Members of the staff were advised not to attempt more than one course. A circular issued to the staff, explanatory of the courses, gave the following outline:

### LECTURES AND READING COURSES 1915-1916

**LECTURES: *Technical and Professional***—Four courses, Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30 a. m., beginning October 5 and concluding February 15.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| A. Miscellaneous .....                | 5 lectures |
| B. Current events .....               | 5 lectures |
| C. Departmental work .....            | 4 lectures |
| D. Publishers and bibliographies..... | 4 lectures |

**LITERARY COURSES:** Five courses, Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p. m., beginning October 8 and concluding February 11.

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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| E. Books and their makers.....       | 3 lectures |
| F. Libraries, old and new.....       | 3 lectures |
| G. Book seminars .....               | 4 lectures |
| H. Chicago and Illinois history..... | 2 lectures |
| I. Literary forces .....             | 4 lectures |

Registration must be for complete courses.

Last day for registration, September 10.

Book seminars will include written reports and oral discussions of the books of the year by classes, with the object of compiling a list of "Best Books of 1915." All persons registering for these sessions will be expected to take active part.

**Current Events:** Five monthly sessions for review of events of general interest, historical, political, literary, artistic, etc., as recorded in current periodicals and newspapers, preceded by dis-

cussion of periodicals by groups. Written reports will be required each month from all members of this class.

Members of all forenoon classes will be expected to use note books.

Departmental: Comprises general survey, reference, civics and related activities; newer activities of the library.

Miscellaneous: Comprises card catalogs and finding lists; technique of book-making; library blanks, and how to use them; social agencies of Chicago; the American Library Association.

Publishers: The book trade, its organization, methods, relations with libraries, book prices, etc., followed by consideration of the principal American and English publishers, their specialties, characteristics, important publications, series, etc.

#### FORENOON LECTURES.

- A. Oct. 5.—Card catalogs and finding lists.
- C. Oct. 12.—Departmental work—Reference department.
- B. Oct. 19.—Current events.
- C. Oct. 26.—Departmental work—General survey.
- C. Nov. 2.—Departmental work—Civics and related activities.
- C. Nov. 9.—Departmental work—Newer activities.
- B. Nov. 16.—Current events.
- A. Nov. 23.—Technique of book-making.
- A. Nov. 30.—Library blanks—How to use them.
- D. Dec. 7.—Bibliography, I.
- D. Dec. 14.—Bibliography, II.
- B. Dec. 21.—Current events.
- D. Jan. 11.—Publishers, I.
- D. Jan. 18.—Publishers, II.
- B. Jan. 25.—Current events.
- A. Feb. 1.—Social agencies of Chicago.
- A. Feb. 8.—The A. L. A.
- B. Feb. 15.—Current events.

#### EVENING LECTURES.

- I. Oct. 8.—Modern drama.
- E. Oct. 15.—Books and their makers, I.
- I. Oct. 22.—Contemporary foreign fiction.
- E. Oct. 29.—Books and their makers, II.
- G. Nov. 5.—Book seminar.
- E. Nov. 12.—Books and their makers, III.
- I. Nov. 19.—Contemporary German fiction.
- F. Nov. 26.—Libraries, old and new, I.
- G. Dec. 3.—Book seminar.
- F. Dec. 10.—Libraries, old and new, II.
- F. Dec. 17.—Libraries, old and new, III.
- G. Jan. 14.—Book seminar.
- H. Jan. 21.—History of Illinois.
- H. Jan. 28.—History of Chicago.
- G. Feb. 1.—Book seminar.
- I. Feb. 11.—Poetry.



## READING COURSE

Forty-four chapters selected from fourteen books.

Duplicate copies of books will be provided by the library, according to need.

- A. L. A. Manual of library economy.
  - VI. Branch libraries, by Linda A. Eastman.
- XVI. Book selection, by Elva L. Bascom.
- XXIII. Government documents, by J. I. Wyer, Jr.
- Bostwick, Arthur E. The American Public Library.
  - I. The modern library idea.
  - II. Library growth and development in U. S.
- XXIV. Training for librarianship.
- Chicago libraries.
  - The John Crerar library handbook, 1910.
  - The Newberry library handbook, 1908.
  - The Chicago public library handbook, 1911.
  - The Ryerson library (in Libraries of Chicago, pp. 19-25).
  - The Chicago Historical Society library (in Libraries of Chicago, pp. 27-36).
- Gooch, C. F. History of our own time.
  - X. World problems, pp. 229-238.
- Hall, G. Stanley. Educational problems.
  - XI. Special child welfare agencies.
  - XII. Preventive and constructive movements, pp. 195-204. (Story telling, moving pictures.)
- XIX. Pedagogy of reading: How and what. Pp. 450-492. (What to read.)
- Halleck, R. P. New English literature.
  - X. Twentieth century literature.
- Hazlitt, Wm. On reading old books.
- Hillis, N. D. Great books as life teachers.
  - II. Ruskin's Seven Lamps of Architecture.
  - III. Eliot's Romola—A study of Tito.
  - IV. Scarlet Letter.
  - V. Les Miserables.
  - VI. Idylls of the King.
  - VII. Saul.
- Lamb, Charles. Detached thoughts on books and reading.
- Masefield, John. William Shakespeare.
  - I. Life of Shakespeare.
  - II. The Elizabethan theaters.
  - III. Hamlet, pp. 157-167; Merry Wives of Windsor, pp. 123-127; Twelfth Night, pp. 138-143.
- Rawlings, Gertrude B. The story of books.
  - III. Books and libraries in classical times.
  - IV. Books in mediaeval times.
  - V. Libraries in mediaeval times.
- VIII. Gutenberg.
- IX. Early printing.
- Shuman, Edw. L. How to judge a book.
  - I. General standards.
  - II. First steps in analysis.
- Stoddard, F. H. Evolution of the novel.
  - III. Historical novel.
  - IV. Romantic novel.
  - V. Novel of purpose.
- Winchell, S. R. A civic manual of Chicago, Cook county and Illinois.

PERIODICALS.

- Elmendorf, Mrs. H. L. A leavened and prepared choice.  
Library Journal for 1912, p. 419.
- Putnam, Herbert. The service of books in a Democracy.  
Library Journal for 1912, p. 69.
- Rathbone, Josephine A. Modern library movement.  
Public libraries for 1908, p. 197.
- Vincent, Geo. E. The library and the social memory.  
Public libraries for 1904, p. 479.
- Also Chicago Book Bulletin:  
About card catalogs, by C. B. Roden, March, 1911, p. 57;  
Package libraries, by Henry E. Legler, December, 1914,  
p. 169.
- Also current numbers of Independent and Current Opinion.

The following is a summarized report of the staff lectures and reading course:

Number of lectures given.....	32
Attendance at each course:	
A. Miscellaneous: 82, 75, 74, 114. Total.....	345
B. Current events: 116, 117, 103, 129, 110. Total.....	555
C. Departmental work: 108, 105, 106, 111. Total.....	430
D. Publishers and bibliographies: 88, 74, 101, 100. Total.....	358
E. Books and their makers: 84, 84, 67. Total.....	235
F. Libraries, old and new: 60, 56, 74. Total.....	190
G. Book seminars: 69, 67, 58, 43. Total.....	237
H. Chicago and Illinois history: 92, 79. Total.....	171
I. Literary forces: 106, 91, 103, 62. Total.....	362
Sum total.....	2,883
Average attendance at each lecture.....	87
Number of staff members who have read all or part of the Reading Course.....	145

VII.

In summing up these references to the staff and regulations of service, it may be permitted the Librarian to suggest that conditions pertaining to their every-day work should be shaped so as to provide the greatest degree of comfort and physical well-being. Hours of service, vacations and sick allowance should be determined on a liberal basis. Faithful, intelligent and disinterested service should be strictly exacted, but should also receive adequate material recognition. Effort to improve and ambition to rise to higher grades should be encouraged in every way.

Immediate needs in providing legitimate comforts and surroundings include:

Rehabilitation of the women's restroom, and if possible its transfer to the roof of the building with facilities for fresh air recreation.

Athletic quarters for the pages and men, with baths.

Shorter schedule of hours.

Increased salaries for employes in Grade I.

Added opportunity for participation in outside activities related to the work of the library.

### VIII.

Through the liberality of the Chicago Woman's Club, it has been possible to continue Miss Georgene Faulkner's courses of instruction in story telling.

The total attendance at all story hours, 1915-1916, was 22,790. Details follow:

#### STORY-TELLING REPORT

June 1, 1915—May 31, 1916.

- Armour Square Branch, by Miss Barlow.  
Oct. 26-April 19: 22 story hours.  
Average attendance, 37; total attendance, 810.
- Austin Branch, by Misses Babcock, Baker, Hartmann, Marlatt.  
Nov. 13-March 25: 17 story hours.  
Average attendance, 45; total attendance, 758.
- Bessemer Park Branch, by Misses Feddersen, McCay.  
Oct. 2-April 1: 27 story hours.  
Average attendance, 40; total attendance, 1,088.
- Blackstone Branch, by Mrs. Beaumont, Misses McCay, Mott.  
Sept. 11-May 6: 33 story hours.  
Average attendance, 32; total attendance, 1,118.
- Cornell Square Branch, by Misses Fox, Campbell.  
Dec. 3-April 8, 2 each week: 38 story hours.  
Average attendance, 76; total attendance, 2,888.
- Davis Square Branch, by Miss Beck.  
Oct. 29-March 31: 13 story hours.  
Average attendance, 50; total attendance, 652.
- Eckhart Park Branch, by Miss Gerloff.  
Oct. 2-April 8: 26 story hours.  
Average attendance, 60; total attendance, 1,570.
- Hamilton Park Branch, by Misses Barlow, Ambin, Long, Guthrie, Prentice, Herring.  
Jan. 6-March 23: 13 story hours.  
Average attendance, 58; total attendance, 753.
- Hiram Kelly Branch, by Miss Sweeney.  
Oct. 1-April 22: 53 story hours.  
Average attendance, 64; total attendance, 3,389.
- Dvorak Park Branch, by Misses Barnes, Forman.  
Oct. 27-Dec. 22: 11 story hours.  
Average attendance, 18; total attendance, 189.
- Mark White Square Branch, by Misses Cole, Kelly.  
Dec. 2-April 27: 21 story hours.  
Average attendance, 40; total attendance, 839.

Ogden Park Branch, by Miss Brennan.  
 Oct. 7-April 20: 53 story hours.  
 Average attendance, 41; total attendance, 2,149.

Pulaski Park Branch, by Misses Ely, Fenneman, Cohen.  
 Jan. 15-April 22: 14 story hours.  
 Average attendance, 25; total attendance, 344.

Sherman Park Branch, by Miss Morgan.  
 Oct. 29-April 24: 50 story hours.  
 Average attendance, 65; total attendance, 3,260.

West 26th Street Branch, by Miss Lawson.  
 Oct. 14-April 13: 18 story hours.  
 Average attendance, 166; total attendance, 2,983.

Total attendance at all story hours, 1915-1916, 22,790.

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For continued and unselfish aid rendered by members of the Board, and splendid team work by members of the staff, the undersigned desires to record appreciation and gratitude.

HENRY E. LEGLER,  
*Chief Librarian.*

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Home circulation, including schools, 4,802,432; a gain of 476,375 over previous year.

Daily average circulation, 15,694.

School circulation, 296,776.

Number of branches, 37; delivery stations, 77; deposit stations, 29; business house deposits, 21; special deposits, 32; school deposits, 748. Total number of agencies, 944.

Books issued in Reference Room, exclusive of open shelf volumes, 450,593.

Books issued in Art Room, 51,294.

Volumes consulted in Civics and Patents Rooms: Documents, 23,883; magazines, 25,497; bound newspapers, 7,499; books for blind, 286; directories, 31,772; pamphlets, 193,095; books, 14,574; patents, 72,180.

Number of employees in all departments May 31, 1916, 402; total pay roll, \$295,248.06.

Number of registered card holders, 199,044; locally registered in deposit stations, 30,000; industrial branches, 22,000; schools, 38,160. Total number of users, 289,504.

## GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

The number of volumes in the library on May 31, 1916, was 701,059, a net increase of 73,440 over the number reported at the close of last year. The gross accessions of the year numbered 100,527 volumes. Of these, 82,158 were purchased, 13,006 were donated, 1,011 were acquired by binding periodicals, 1,539 by binding reports and pamphlets, 48 were taken from the duplicate room, 27 were received in exchange and 979 were books which had been lost and recovered, or missing in previous years and now recovered and re-accessioned; 79 were replaced by borrowers or guarantors, and 1,680 were transferred from rental to free collection.

There were deducted from the total number of volumes in the library during the past year the following items: Books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 15,516; books lost

and paid for, 1,362; books unaccounted for in the annual inventory of 1914-15, 7,610; books not recovered from delinquent borrowers in 1914-15, 649; 2,132 duplicate volumes disposed of in 1915-16. Of the books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 3,090 were English prose fiction, 11,094 were juvenile books, 569 were books in foreign languages, and 763 in all other classes.

The entire amount expended for books from all funds was \$72,171.42, which includes purchases for branch libraries and reading rooms.

Cost of books.....	\$72,171.42
Cost of periodicals.....	8,545.43
Cost of binding.....	28,993.86
Number books accessioned.....	100,527
Number pamphlets accessioned.....	16,184

### HOME CIRCULATION

The Circulation Department of the main library was open on 306 days during the year. The department was closed on Sundays and holidays, but was open on week days from 9 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Exclusive of school circulation, the total number of books issued for home use was 4,505,656, an increase of 406,658 volumes, or 10 per cent over the previous year. The total daily average home circulation was 15,694, as compared with a total daily average of 14,184 of the previous year. The school circulation was 296,776, making a total home use of 4,802,432. The largest number of books issued for home circulation in any one day at the main library was 4,106, on February 19, 1916; the least number, 1,102, on June 14, 1915. The fines received from delinquent book borrowers amounted to \$20,911.43. The number of notices sent to borrowers and guarantors was 40,024. The Rental Collection started in March, 1915; the total amount received to date, \$3,805.11; expended for books, \$3,537.90. The total home circulation, exclusive of school circulation, but including the branches and deposit collections, is shown in the following table, month by month, giving the monthly average home circulation for the past two years. The branches were open for circulation on every day of the year except Christmas, Fourth of July and Sundays, from June 15 to September 15.

1915-1916				1914 1915			
Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Av'ge	Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Av'ge
June.....	26	341,426	13,132	June.....	26	276,180	10,622
July.....	26	342,161	13,160	July.....	26	278,470	10,710
August.....	26	333,484	12,826	August.....	26	281,505	10,827
September..	25	297,965	11,919	September..	25	270,377	10,815
October.....	26	359,187	13,815	October....	27	335,476	12,425
November..	25	407,641	16,306	November..	24	374,255	15,594
December..	26	376,354	14,475	December..	26	375,674	14,449
January....	25	407,560	16,302	January....	25	402,333	16,093
February...	23	410,266	17,838	February...	22	379,726	17,260
March.....	27	460,014	17,038	March.....	27	422,921	15,664
April.....	25	385,014	15,401	April.....	26	354,840	13,648
May.....	26	384,584	14,792	May.....	25	347,241	13,890
Total....	306	4,505,656	14,750	Total....	305	4,098,998	13,499

## RECORDED ISSUES

Home circulation .....	4,505,656
Reference Room .....	450,593
Women's Study Room.....	33,445
Art Room .....	51,294
Schools .....	296,776
Civics Room.....	288,821
Patents Room.....	72,466
Bound newspapers.....	7,499
Reading Room.....	136,033
	<u>5,842,583</u>

No count was kept at the Central Library, nor at any of the branches, of open shelf books used on the premises.

The number of books loaned on requisitions received from libraries outside of the city, asking for the loan of books under the inter-library loan plan was 38.

The recorded circulation of books deposited in public schools increased from 227,059 the previous year to 296,776. The deposit stations at the close of the year, exclusive of schools, 748 of which were reached, numbered 21; traveling libraries, 29; settlements and clubs, 32. The circulation during the year was as follows:

Deposit stations.....	183,724
Traveling libraries.....	375,321
Schools .....	296,776
Total.....	<u>855,821</u>

The following table shows the number of classrooms supplied in the different schools and also the average number of weeks the volumes were in use:

Schools	Vols.	No. of Class Room	Schools	Vols.	No. of Class Room
Adams .....	450	9	Gray .....	600	12
Agassiz .....	400	8	Greeley .....	100	2
Albany Ave.....	100	2	Gresham .....	50	1
Altgeld .....	100	2	Gladstone .....	100	2
Armour .....	50	1	Goodrich .....	200	4
Arnold .....	100	2	Haines Practice...	100	2
Auburn Park.....	150	3	Hamilton .....	150	3
Audubon .....	75	2	Hamline .....	150	3
Avondale .....	50	1	Hammond .....	450	9
Bancroft .....	85	2	Harper .....	600	12
Barnard .....	100	2	Harrison Tech....	100	2
Beaubien .....	50	1	Haugan .....	1,150	23
Bismarck .....	50	1	Hawthorne .....	350	7
Blaine .....	100	2	Hayt .....	50	1
Brainard .....	50	1	Healy .....	250	6
Brentano .....	50	1	Henry .....	200	4
Brown .....	100	2	Herzl .....	190	6
Bryant .....	320	7	Holmes .....	635	13
Budlong .....	155	3	Howland .....	100	2
Burns .....	100	2	Illinois Tech....	100	4
Burnside .....	250	5	Immaculate Conc'p.	250	5
Burroughs .....	50	1	Immaculate Heart.	50	1
Calhoun .....	50	1	Irving .....	265	6
Carter Practice...	290	6	Irving Park.....	50	1
Chalmers .....	500	10	Keeler Ave.....	200	4
Chase .....	200	4	Kohn .....	308	6
Chicago Lawn....	250	5	Kosciuszki .....	50	1
Clay .....	350	7	Lake View.....	94	2
Cleveland .....	550	11	Lane Tech.....	200	4
Colman .....	164	4	Langland .....	748	15
Columbus .....	400	8	Lawson .....	150	3
Cooper .....	25	1	Linne .....	100	2
Coonley .....	300	6	Longfellow .....	250	6
Copernicus .....	100	2	Lowell .....	340	7
Corkery .....	550	11	McAllister .....	100	2
Cregier .....	153	3	McCosh .....	295	6
Davis .....	200	4	McPherson .....	580	12
Dewey .....	400	8	Madison .....	100	2
Drake .....	50	1	Mann .....	150	3
Drummond .....	100	2	Marsh .....	350	7
Dunning .....	150	3	Marsh Br.....	250	5
Ericsson .....	300	6	Mitchell .....	75	2
Fallon .....	110	2	Morris .....	200	4
Farragut .....	353	7	Mozart .....	150	3
Farren .....	100	2	Mulligan .....	127	3
Fiske .....	100	2	Newberry .....	250	5
Foster .....	223	4	Nixon .....	543	11
Gage Park.....	200	4	Nobel .....	525	11
Gary .....	600	12	Oglesby .....	150	3
Graham .....	124	3	Otis .....	250	5
Grant .....	450	9	Parental .....	215	5



Schools	Vols.	No. of Class Room	Schools	Vols.	No. of Class Room
Parkman .....	415	9	Schneider .....	347	7
Park Manor .....	50	1	Senn .....	560	11
Parkside .....	300	6	Seward .....	100	2
Peirce .....	445	9	Sexton .....	300	6
Penn .....	150	3	Shields .....	1,075	26
Plamondon .....	250	5	Skinner .....	150	3
Poe .....	200	4	Smyth .....	400	8
Prescott .....	100	2	Spencer .....	135	3
Pulaski .....	150	3	Spry .....	300	6
Pullman .....	200	4	Sullivan .....	540	11
Raster .....	100	2	Tennyson .....	250	5
Ray .....	200	4	Tilden .....	250	5
Reilly .....	200	4	Thorp J. N. ....	150	4
Revere .....	100	2	Throop .....	250	5
Ryerson .....	230	5	Trumbull .....	800	16
Sabin .....	250	5	University Ave. .	600	16
St. Hyacinth .....	50	1	Visitation .....	975	19
St. James .....	40	1	Washington .....	82	2
St. Josaphat .....	50	1	Waters .....	100	2
St. Patrick .....	40	1	Webster .....	35	1
St. Sebastian .....	100	2	Wells .....	50	1
Sawyer Ave. ....	210	4	Wentworth .....	50	1
Scanlan .....	940	19	West Pullman. .	750	15
Scammon .....	50	1	Yates .....	50	1
Schiller .....	50	1			
Schley .....	100	2		36,536	755

The branch circulation figures for the year are as follows:

	Direct	Stations	Total	No. vols. in Branch
Armour Square .....	31,350	2,980	34,330	2,617
Austin .....	118,426	5,258	123,684	8,581
Bessemer Park .....	40,131	2,944	43,075	2,638
Blackstone .....	89,721	3,867	93,588	15,845
Burr School .....	56,571	2,157	58,728	4,902
Cornell Square .....	45,383	1,351	46,734	2,910
Davis Square .....	22,944	1,533	24,477	2,094
Douglas Park .....	174,082	18,979	193,061	8,149
Dvorak Park .....	48,702	2,929	51,631	2,417
Eckhart Park .....	70,158	3,840	73,998	4,038
Forrestville School .....	15,662	1,755	17,417	.....
Fuller Park .....	52,064	2,581	54,645	4,441
Hamilton Park .....	61,247	3,825	65,072	4,047
Hamlin Park .....	52,911	1,840	54,751	4,087
Hebrew Institute .....	111,018	17,057	128,075	7,575
Holstein Park .....	63,057	2,119	65,176	3,658
Humboldt .....	122,282	19,828	142,110	5,319
Independence Park .....	35,768	867	36,635	1,917
Kelly .....	164,876	6,221	171,097	12,830
Lewis Institute .....	124,398	8,564	132,962	10,150
Lincoln Center .....	79,520	4,851	84,371	7,827
Logan Square .....	101,916	5,267	107,183	6,373
Mark White Square .....	50,382	1,822	52,204	3,108
Ogden Park .....	97,760	3,807	101,567	4,805
Palmer Park .....	47,203	1,262	48,465	2,616

	Direct	Stations	Total	No. vols. in Branch
Pulaski Park .....	49,179	598	49,777	2,494
Seward Park .....	53,207	7,558	60,765	2,973
Sheridan .....	109,308	4,324	113,632	5,991
Sherman Park .....	62,008	2,336	64,344	4,329
Stanford Park .....	68,468	2,974	71,442	4,145
Stanton Park .....	47,458	1,129	48,587	2,166
Summer School .....	48,715	2,220	50,935	2,410
Walker .....	22,076	944	23,020	7,420
West Twenty-Sixth Street.....	101,849	2,233	104,082	6,694
Total .....	2,439,800	151,520	2,591,620	171,566

### HIGH SCHOOL BRANCHES

	Direct	Total	No. vols. in Branch
*Austin .....	2,853	2,853	275
Harrison .....	16,575	16,575	412
Senn .....	3,456	3,456	136
Total.....	22,884	22,884	823

\*High School Branches opened as follows:

Austin, April 3, 1916.  
Harrison, February 13, 1916.  
Senn, April 5, 1916.

### CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION

The classification of the books issued for home reading at the main library and through the delivery stations, showing the number of volumes and the percentage of each class, is as follows:

	Volumes	Pct.
English prose fiction.....	515,586	35.03
Juvenile literature .....	353,618	24.02
History and biography.....	76,937	05.23
Geography and travels.....	36,785	02.50
Sciences and arts.....	263,232	17.88
Poetry and drama.....	80,848	05.49
Foreign languages .....	68,829	04.68
Miscellaneous .....	76,102	05.17
Total.....	1,471,937	100.00

### REGISTRATION

During the three years ending May 31, 1916, the statistics of the Registry Department show that 221,071 cards were issued. There were canceled during this period 22,027 cards, leaving the number of live cards outstanding at the close of the year 199,044. Of the total number of cards issued during the year, 17,317 were applied for at the main library and 59,811 at the delivery stations and branches. This is exclusive of local cards

issued at the traveling library stations, business house stations, etc. There were issued 1,460 teachers' cards, 53,571 non-fiction cards, 1,485 vacation cards, 23,113 juvenile cards, 23,176 juvenile non-fiction cards, 137 research cards, 1,215 students' cards, 3 special cards, 1,323 summer cards, 30 parcel post cards, 1,594 fee duplicate cards, and there were 1,389 books issued on deposit. Number of cards lost and replaced by new cards was 14,301.

### DELIVERY STATIONS

The circulation of books for home use through the delivery stations was 771,028, a decrease of 49,199 as compared with last year. The number of delivery stations in operation at the close of the year was 114, as compared with 108 the previous year. The amount expended for compensation of delivery station keepers and deposit stations was \$8,978.44.

### REFERENCE ROOM

The number of recorded visitors to the Reference Room was 175,713. The total number of volumes issued from the stack rooms was 450,593, which shows an increase of 2,058 volumes when compared with last year's report. No estimate is possible of the number of open shelf books used in the room. The largest attendance at any one time was 293, at 3 o'clock on March 18, 1916.

The classification of books used in the Reference Room is as follows:

	Volumes	Pct.
Arts and sciences.....	180,535	40.0
History and biography.....	59,853	13.3
Bound periodicals .....	56,062	12.4
Geography and travels.....	41,091	9.1
Language and literature.....	79,757	17.7
All other classes.....	33,295	7.5
Total.....	450,593	100.0

### ART ROOM

The Art Room was visited by 12,831 readers, who consulted 51,294 books.

### WOMEN'S STUDY ROOM

The Women's Study Room was visited by 20,408 readers, who consulted 33,445 books.

## READING ROOM

The largest number present in the room at one time was 502 on January 30, 1916, at 3 o'clock.

The number of newspapers and magazines on file in the Reading Room is 1,145.

The amount expended for newspapers and periodicals for branches and reading rooms was \$8,325.98, exclusive of \$219.45 expended for the Kelly Branch out of the Kelly Branch fund.

Visitors .....	927,412
Serials on file.....	1,145
Cost of serials.....	\$8,545.43

## CIVICS ROOM

The attendance in the Civics Room was 66,197 during the year. There were consulted in this room 23,883 documents, 25,497 magazines, 31,772 directories, 193,095 pamphlets and 14,574 books.

## PATENTS ROOM

The attendance in the Patents Room was 23,939 during the year. There were consulted in this room 72,180 patents, 7,499 bound newspapers and 286 books for the blind.

## BOOKS FOR THE BLIND

The collection of books for the blind now numbers 1,744 volumes, comprising 750 volumes in Braille Print, 658 in Moon Type, 228 volumes in American Line, and 108 volumes in New York Point. Forty-three volumes were added during the year. There were circulated for home use 5,016 volumes; 286 volumes were used at the main library.

## ADMINISTRATION

The entire number of persons employed in all departments of the library service May 31, 1916, was 402, an increase of 52 over last year. The payrolls of the main library, branches, delivery stations and traveling libraries amounted to \$289,348.75, exclusive of \$5,899.31 for the Kelly Branch, which was paid out of the Kelly fund.

## BINDING

The number of volumes sent to binderies during the year was 63,152. Of these, 58,149 were newly bound or rebound, and 5,003 were resewed in the old covers. There were repaired in the Binding Department 88,048 books; 11,209 were repaired at the binderies. The books relabeled during the year numbered 45,976 volumes. The amount expended for binding was \$28,195.76.

## ANNUAL INVENTORY

The total number of books missing at the close of the year was 8,848, as compared with 8,340 in 1914-15. Of these, 2,012 are missing at the main library and 6,836 in the branches. Of the books unaccounted for in last year's inventory, 730 have since been found.

## CATALOG DEPARTMENT

During the year 37,547 volumes were cataloged and classified. Of these, 5,836 were new titles, 18,845 were replacements and extra copies, and 965 were recataloged. Continuations of books, periodicals and music numbered 1,823.

There have been added to the public card catalog 26,642 cards, of which 6,783 were subject cards, 11,115 author and title cards and 8,744 additions and corrections; 19,898 cards, including additions, corrections and foreign deposits, were filed in the official card catalog; 3,139 cards were filed in the music catalog. There was no record kept of cards added to six departmental catalogs in the main library.

There were ordered from the Library of Congress for the main library 4,453 titles, of which 3,633 were received and 820 not received; 2,113 titles (21,549 copies) and 150 lists, etc. (4,237 copies), were multigraphed.

## CIRCULATION OF BOOKS 1915-16

Year	Home circulation of books	Daily average circulation	Books issued through Delivery stations	Books issued through branches (direct or station)	Fines collected
1874	7,659	295	.....	.....	\$ 3.65
1875	399,156	1,313	.....	.....	2,648.72
1880	306,751	1,002	.....	.....	1,775.72
1885	519,691	1,704	65,271	.....	3,088.00
1890	843,971	2,830	201,257	.....	4,853.75
1895	1,147,862	3,816	545,866	.....	5,543.88
1900	1,749,775	5,769	1,143,391	.....	7,196.98
1905	1,336,199	4,400	788,657	4,336	6,732.20
1906	1,411,106	4,548	846,802	36,343	7,484.91
1907	1,414,292	4,521	844,415	52,451	8,284.65
1908	1,601,645	5,046	954,000	71,074	8,662.83
1909	1,777,142	5,885	1,129,450	70,486	9,162.63
1910	1,805,012	5,938	1,135,848	184,956	10,151.94
1911	2,256,022	7,397	1,075,376	592,454	12,851.36
1912	2,587,232	8,455	948,815	1,063,740	14,196.22
1913	3,037,035	9,587	883,366	1,396,422	15,359.64
1914	3,428,638	11,261	804,987	1,680,529	16,803.41
1915	4,326,057	14,184	820,227	2,310,701	18,636.64
1916	4,802,432	15,694	771,028	2,614,504	20,911.43

## BOOK ACCESSIONS 1915-16

Year	Volumes in library	Total accessions	Volumes purchased	Volumes donated	Expended for books	Books worn out	Accessions of pamphlets
1874	18,183	11,331	9,899	1,432	\$10,733.11	.....	2,638
1875	39,236	21,053	20,122	969	28,410.63	38	1,944
1880	67,772	8,440	7,799	641	7,404.52	1,137	487
1885	111,621	6,836	5,692	1,144	6,899.14	698	3,201
1890	156,242	10,908	10,073	835	11,148.66	3,507	1,635
1895	211,157	18,485	16,727	975	19,431.18	5,595	1,236
1900	258,498	12,911	9,651	1,622	12,476.70	3,905	1,807
1905	304,510	22,879	18,436	2,097	19,884.79	8,002	3,456
1906	323,610	26,236	22,616	1,997	24,013.53	6,365	4,042
1907	339,282	24,987	21,927	1,438	20,078.07	8,303	2,596
1908	352,093	25,843	22,353	1,765	24,262.76	11,466	1,499
1909	365,349	28,197	25,303	1,315	27,064.70	12,900	868
1910	402,848	55,990	51,482	2,693	45,520.85	14,688	132
1911	448,073	58,644	54,504	2,070	46,283.09	10,020	2,022
1912	481,708	50,952	45,834	3,655	43,190.29	10,340	1,944
1913	514,259	47,467	39,035	6,368	38,136.33	9,503	1,734
1914	571,358	78,231	73,228	2,670	65,779.48	21,132	2,805
1915	627,619	75,837	69,305	3,901	61,661.31	12,796	10,251
1916	701,059	100,527	82,158	13,006	72,171.42	15,516	16,184

## CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS

	Vols. in library May 31, 1915	Total ac- cessions 1915-16	Net ac- cessions 1915-16	Vols. in library May 31, 1916
Ancient Classics . . . . .	1,874	100	86	1,960
Bibliography . . . . .	5,824	465	464	6,288
Biography . . . . .	19,933	688	549	20,482
Books for the Blind . . . . .	1,570	67	67	1,637
Documents . . . . .	32,240	2,915	2,915	35,155
English Fiction . . . . .	119,938	18,870	14,097	134,035
Essays and Miscellanies . . . . .	6,632	415	348	6,980
Fine Arts . . . . .	16,375	1,542	-182	16,193
Geography and Travels . . . . .	19,550	759	610	20,160
History . . . . .	28,859	1,451	1,192	30,051
Juvenile Books . . . . .	107,557	45,957	29,752	137,309
Language and Lit. and C. W.	18,542	1,805	1,490	20,032
Law . . . . .	1,655	123	109	1,764
Medicine . . . . .	2,705	455	413	3,118
Mental and Moral Science . . . . .	11,325	1,357	1,207	12,532
Music (Sheet) . . . . .	1,232	9,098	9,098	10,330
Music (Volumes) . . . . .	2,648	2,401	2,395	5,043
Natural Science . . . . .	15,181	816	598	15,779
Periodicals . . . . .	54,230	1,106	403	54,633
Poetry and Drama . . . . .	14,450	2,222	2,026	16,476
Political and Social Science . . . . .	20,137	2,168	1,888	22,025
Reference Books . . . . .	8,511	873	807	9,318
Religion . . . . .	10,942	583	522	11,464
Useful Arts . . . . .	35,526	2,003	1,345	36,871
Bohemian Literature . . . . .	5,294	13	-136	5,158
Dutch Literature . . . . .	1,475	1	-15	1,460
French Literature . . . . .	12,923	64	-2	12,921
German Literature . . . . .	27,792	487	162	27,954
Hungarian Literature . . . . .	232	50	45	277
Italian Literature . . . . .	1,910	5	-14	1,896
Japanese and Chinese Lit. . . . .	135	.....	.....	135
Lettish Literature . . . . .	492	110	110	602
Lithuanian Literature . . . . .	644	.....	-9	635
Polish Literature . . . . .	3,632	1,061	895	4,527
Portuguese Literature . . . . .	44	.....	.....	44
Russian Literature . . . . .	2,435	68	19	2,454
Scandinavian Literature . . . . .	8,501	76	16	8,517
Spanish Literature . . . . .	1,233	77	68	1,301
Welsh Literature . . . . .	7	1	1	8
Yiddish Literature . . . . .	3,411	271	103	3,514
Other Languages . . . . .	23	4	-2	21
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>627,619</b>	<b>100,527</b>	<b>73,440</b>	<b>701,059</b>







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|---|-----------------------------------|
| Allen, James Lane, 1880-82.               | Herhold, Frederick H., 1897-1901. |
| *Anthony, Elliott, 1872-77.               | Hirsch, Emil G., 1888-97.         |
| *Armstrong, Geo. B., 1881-82;<br>1908-11. | Hotz, Ferdinand C., 1875-81.      |
| Barr, Alfred E., 1899; 1916-1918.         | *Hoyne, Thos., 1872-75.           |
| Beebe, Wm. H., 1887-89.                   | Hutchinson, Chas. L., 1898-01.    |
| *Billings, Albert M., 1875-78.            | *Hynes, Wm. J., 1881-87.          |
| *Blodgett, Edward A., 1908-10.            | *Kadlec, L. W., 1880-89.          |
| Bowers, James F., 1901-08.                | Kaspar, Wm., 1889-94.             |
| Bradley, J. Harley, 1887.                 | Keeley, Thos. F., 1894-97.        |
| Breyer, Charles C., 1913-17.              | *Kent, Wm. D., 1888-89.           |
| *Brine, Geo. J., 1886-87.                 | Ksycki, Philip M., 1911-17.       |
| *Brosseau, Z. P., 1893-96; 1901-07.       | Kuflewski, W. A., 1899-02.        |
| *Callaghan, B., 1880-96.                  | Lagorio, Antonio, 1906-17.        |
| Cigrand, B. J., 1903-10.                  | Lewke, Otto W., 1897-1900.        |
| Collins, Michael J., 1912-13.             | *Lindstrand, Frans A., 1903-06.   |
| *Curran, Wm., 1882-83.                    | *Loewenthal, B., 1875-82.         |
| Despres, Samuel, 1903-06; 1912-15.        | Lowe, John W., 1902-06.           |
| Diener, T. C., 1893-95.                   | McCormick, Robert S., 1895-01.    |
| Dreyer, Edw. S., 1889-95.                 | McDowell, Malcolm, 1913-14.       |
| Eckhart, John W., 1901-07.                | MacMillan, T. C., 1882-87.        |
| Egan, Dennis J., 1903-05.                 | Mannhardt, Emil, 1885-88.         |
| *Enright, John W., 1883-88.               | Mason, George, 1874-80.           |
| *Forrester, Robert H., 1879-80.           | Mayer, Oscar G., 1914-17.         |
| Frank, Mortimer, 1910-13.                 | Meeker, Arthur, 1900-03.          |
| Franks, Jacob, 1897-03.                   | *Moos, Bernhard, 1887-96.         |
| *Freeman, Henry V., 1910-13.              | *Moses, Adolph, 1882-88.          |
| Fyffe, Colin C. H., 1903-05.              | Novak, John L., 1905-08.          |
| *Garibaldi, John G., 1900-02.             | Onahan, Wm. J., 1874-81.          |
| *Gunderson, S. T., 1895-98.               | O'Connell, T. Frank, 1913-17.     |
| *Hamilton, John B., 1896-98.              | Peabody, Francis S., 1899-03.     |
| *Hatch, Azel F., 1890-93; 1894-1900.      | *Plamondon, Chas. A., 1899-02.    |
| *Hayes, Samuel S., 1872-75.               | Pokorney, Frank J., 1913-17.      |
| Healy, J. J., 1913-17.                    | *Queal, Robert F., 1872-76.       |
| Hedenberg, James W., 1895-98.             | *Raster, Hermann, 1872-75.        |
| Heldmann, Geo. D., 1902-03.               | Rawson, Frederick H., 1908-11.    |
| Henius, Max, 1911-17.                     | *Rend, Wm. P., 1889-92.           |
|   | Rogers, Henry W., 1883-85.        |
|   | *Rosenthal, Julius, 1872-75.      |
|   | Roulston, Robert J., 1905-13.     |

- Rubens, Harry, 1879-85.  
 Ryan, Andrew J., 1898-99.  
 \*Schmidt, Ernst, 1881-82.  
 \*Scranton, Abner R., 1876-79.  
 \*Sheahan, James W., 1872-74.  
 \*Shields, Michael, 1902-03.  
 \*Shorey, Daniel L., 1872-80.  
 \*Shortall, John G., 1886-95.  
 \*Smith, Pliny B., 1888-94.  
 \*Smith, Robert J., 1890-93.  
 Smith, Sidney, 1877-79.  
 \*Smyth, John M., 1892-95.  
 \*Sheahan, Jas. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20, 1872.  
 \*Wickersham, W. B., Secretary from July 20, 1872, to October 15, 1908.  
 Wilson, Harry G., Acting Secretary, October 15, 1908, to March 11, 1909. Secretary since March 11, 1909.  
 \*Poole, Wm. F., LL. D., Librarian from October 25, 1873, to August 1, 1887.  
 \*Hild, Frederick H., Librarian from October 15, 1887, to April 30, 1909.  
 Roden, Carl B., Acting Librarian from May 1, 1909, to October 11, 1909.  
 Legler, Henry E., Librarian since October 11, 1909.

- \*Sprague, Otho S. A., 1878-81.  
 Stern, Julius, 1906-12.  
 \*Swazey, Arthur, 1885-87.  
 Taylor, Graham, 1906-12.  
 Umbdenstock, Michael, 1887-90.  
 \*Van Osdel, John M., 1896-99.  
 \*Wait, Horatio L., 1910-13.  
 \*Walker, J. B., 1875-83.  
 \*Waterman, Arba N., 1908-10.  
 \*Wells, Wm. H., 1882-85.  
 \*Williams, Norman, 1887-89.  
 \*Woodard, Willard, 1872-74.

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\*Deceased.



## LIBRARY STAFF

May 31, 1917

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*Gentlemen:* We herewith beg to submit the annual report of  
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Respectfully submitted,

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PHILIP M. KSYCKI,  
JAMES J. HEALY,  
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*Board of Directors.*

Chicago, June 25, 1917.



## MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY:

*Gentlemen:* I have the honor to present the following account of the activities of the Public Library during the fiscal year ending May 31, 1917.

In many respects this, the forty-fifth year of the corporate life of the Library, has been the most important one in its history. During this period your Board has definitely committed itself to a plan for the extension of the library system, known as the Regional Plan, which will, when finally brought to consummation, provide Chicago with the most complete and far-reaching library service of modern times. This plan, which was formulated by our Librarian and explained to the Board in my message of November 27, 1916, contemplates, in brief:

*Library service within walking distance of home for every person in the city of Chicago who can read or wants to use books.*

A notable step toward putting this plan into effect was taken in the erection of Woodlawn Branch, at 6247 Kimbark Avenue, opened to the public on Lincoln's Birthday of this year. Designed upon lines which involved a wide departure from accepted standards of library architecture and arrangement, this building is intended to serve as a pattern for the numerous neighborhood branch libraries which, with proper financial support, the Library hopes to place at strategic points throughout the city to achieve the results above outlined.

### FINANCES

Despite the promise of greater stability and a material increase in our revenues which seemed justified by the legislation secured in 1915, and which was so hopefully referred to in our report a year ago, we have again been made to suffer a serious and unforeseen reduction in our income derived from taxation through the vexatious provisions of the Juul law. After one year of relative prosperity on the basis of which we felt justified



in indulging in visions of expanded activity, we were informed, soon after January first of the present year, that our income would be less by nearly fifty thousand dollars than the year before. A curtailment of activities for the present, and a further postponement of our plans for future development were made immediately necessary. Expenditures in all directions were cut down; long-needed additions to the staff were again deferred and the work of the Library, instead of being enabled to seek wider channels of usefulness, was constricted and hampered at almost every turn.

Meanwhile your Board was confronted with a situation resulting from the heavy rise in the cost of living and an accompanying upward trend in salaries paid by private concerns, which made it clear that, in order to retain the services of an adequate staff, it would be necessary to authorize substantial increases in the salaries of the employees of the Library. In this emergency your Board found it necessary to incorporate in the budget for 1917, the receipts from fines collected from delinquent book borrowers, aggregating some \$25,000. This step was taken with much regret inasmuch as these funds had, by order of a former Board, for many years been turned over to the employees' pension fund, a practice which, while sanctioned by the law was not mandatory, but was fully concurred in by the present Board. At the same time we made official record of our fixed purpose again to apply the fine moneys to the pension fund as soon as the condition of the legal revenues of the Library made this possible. This resolution is referred to here with the object of emphasizing this intention and to serve as a notice to future Boards that we regard such action as being in the nature of a sacred obligation.

In view of these difficulties it is a great pleasure to be able to report that relief is now assured through the adoption by the General Assembly, on June 16th, of the bill in which the Library sought to secure a fixed minimum tax rate. This bill received the prompt approval of the Governor on Monday, June 18th. Under its provisions the Chicago Public Library will be assured of a minimum rate of eight-tenths of a mill and a maximum of one mill, thus escaping, at last, from the condition of uncertainty which has characterized its financial affairs because of the uncontrollable fluctuations of the tax rate.

Your President takes great pleasure in extending his personal congratulations to the Board upon this happy issue of a grave and perplexing situation which has confronted us all for so many years. Our acknowledgments are due to our Special Committee on Legislation, under whose direction this result has been obtained, and most especially to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. Harry G. Wilson, to whose skill, patience and tireless industry in watching and furthering the interests of the Board at Springfield must be ascribed the greater portion of our gratifying achievement.

### SERVICE

In view of this fulfillment of our hopes the temptation is strong to indulge in speculations and plans for the future. The principal function of this report, however, is to review the work of the past year, and it is a pleasure to turn to this duty because of the marked progress which the Library has made in all departments, notwithstanding the serious reduction in revenue effective since Jan. 1, 1917. The home circulation of books for the year was 5,602,806, an increase of seventeen per cent, the total reference use 872,515, and the number of registered borrowers was 212,030. In all directions there has been growth, improvement, a gain in efficiency, and a steady increase in the influence of the Library among its ever-growing army of constituents. This remarkable record has been made possible only because of the admirable esprit de corps, zeal and loyalty which characterizes our excellent staff, to whom our appreciation is due and without whom the results, as recorded in the detailed report of the Librarian submitted herewith, could not have been achieved.

Since service is the sole purpose and object of this institution it follows that extension of service will be the task awaiting this Board and its successors under the newly granted increase in funds. The direction which this expansion will take has already been indicated, in part, by the adoption of the Regional Plan above referred to, with the execution of which it will now be possible to proceed. In addition, however, it seems imperative that the facilities for serving our thousands of patrons at the Main Library should likewise be amplified and extended. It is important to remember that the Central Building, which opened its doors twenty years ago, has not since that time been enlarged although the number of persons served daily has increased many

fold. To meet these conditions certain structural changes must be made which, because of the monumental character of the building, will entail large expense, amply justified, however, by the resulting gain in facilities. The most important of the other improvements now made possible, and one involving the application of an immense amount of time, labor and professional skill, will be the reclassification of the entire book stock in the Main Library, comprising over half a million volumes.

A further step toward better service has been authorized by your Board in the order for the gradual substitution of deposit stations of suitable size for the present system of delivery stations. The latter, which are mere call stations, to which books are delivered only upon specific requisition made by individual patrons through the unsatisfactory medium of printed catalogs, have long outlived their usefulness and will be superseded by small but adequate collections of books deposited in shops offering suitable space, thus affording one of the chief essentials of satisfactory library service, namely, actual contact of readers with the books. In all localities where, for the present, there are no branch libraries near at hand, these deposits will provide service incomparably superior to the purely mechanical expedient of the delivery stations. A good beginning has already been made on this plan, which will be carried on with all possible diligence to completion.

#### CO-OPERATION WITH THE PARKS AND SCHOOLS

One of the most heartening features of the year's work has been the ready coöperation which the Library and its Board have enjoyed at the hands of other public bodies. The enlightened public spirit which prevails in our several Park Boards has for years made it possible for the Library to establish itself in neighborhoods otherwise unsupplied through the generous tender of space in the small park field houses. In twenty-one of these little community centers the Library now offers its service to the people side by side with the wonderful facilities for pleasure and profit supplied by the Park Boards themselves, under the most favorable conditions and with results that have made Chicago's recreational facilities famous the world over. Equally cordial has been the spirit animating the Board of Education in its relations with this Board, which are daily becoming

closer. We now have libraries in six of our twenty-two high schools, installed in handsome quarters, provided and equipped by the Board of Education, and 1,012 deposits of books in school rooms throughout the system. As the result of a conference, moreover, the school architect has been directed to keep the Library authorities in touch with all designs for new school buildings in order that proper accommodations for library facilities may be included in the plans.

#### RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS AND CIVIC BODIES

Under coöperation we should record, also our sincere acknowledgments of the uniformly courteous attitude of the Chicago newspapers towards the Library. No request for publicity for library affairs has gone unheeded and many times the plans and developments of the institution have been made the subject of unsolicited comment, both editorially and in the news columns, and always with intelligent appreciation. The same kindly interest likewise characterized the numerous clubs and civic, educational and commercial bodies whose work has brought them into relationship with us. It has been a pleasure to realize that among all the various agencies contributing towards the formulation of sound public opinion, our Library has not only been certain of respectful consideration but has achieved a position of high esteem.

#### WAR TIME ACTIVITIES

In the general mobilization of national resources following the Declaration of War the Public Library has been prompt to recognize its duty. A resolution making formal tender of the building and equipment to the federal government for any purpose deemed necessary and proper in the present crisis was adopted and sent to the President of the United States, from whom a cordial acknowledgment was received. A special sum of money was also set apart for the purchase of books on military instruction and organization, the heavy demand for which has been amply met by this provision. Furthermore, the National Red Cross was invited to establish a registration bureau in the main building and all the branches, which invitation was gladly accepted.

#### SOLDIERS' LIBRARIES

A most interesting phase of our war work has been the collection of Books for Soldiers, Sailors and Nurses, which have

poured in as donations from citizens in response to our offer to receive, sort out and ship the books to the various camps within this state as Soldiers' Libraries. The idea has met with great favor. Over 10,000 volumes have thus far been received and indications point to a final total of 25,000, all of which we expect to be able to use. Delivery is made to the Y. M. C. A., which has charge of all recreational and spiritual work at the camps and has established circulating libraries in each encampment with the books thus provided. At this time eleven encampments have been supplied with 4,750 volumes, in amounts proportioned to the number of men assembled. Following is a list of the camps thus far supplied:

- Great Lakes Naval Training Station.
- Fort Sheridan, Officers' Reserve Corps.
- Army camp, Cairo, Ill.
- Army camp, Cicero, Ill.
- Army camp, West Alton, Ill.
- Army camp, East St. Louis, Ill.
- Army camp, Joliet, Ill.
- Army camp, Quincy, Ill.
- Army camp, Rock Island, Ill.
- Army camp, Springfield, Ill.
- Army camp, Municipal Pier, Chicago.

The Commander of the Department of the Lakes has expressed his cordial approval of the enterprise and the Y. M. C. A. officials have coöperated with the Library to the fullest extent, while the response from the soldier boys themselves has been such as to convince all of us of the real need for, and importance of, the service we have undertaken.

Other activities leading out of existing conditions have been steps taken to enable as many members of the staff as possible to participate in the Liberty Loan subscription, and the loan of a corps of experienced alphabetizers to the Board of Election Commissioners to assist in sorting and arranging the draft registration cards. This Board has also joined in a conference with other municipal and public bodies in an effort to arrive at a basis for granting compensation to employees who may join the military or naval forces, and has pledged itself to adopt the measures recommended by this conference when a final decision shall be reached.

## CONCLUSION

The foregoing is offered as a commentary and introduction to the detailed account of the year's work as exhibited in the reports of the officers. I take this opportunity of expressing to the Librarian, Mr. Henry E. Legler, my personal obligations, and those of the Board, for his inspiring leadership, his tireless industry and devotion to the interests of the Library and its constituency; to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. H. G. Wilson, for his faithful and skillful conduct of our affairs; to the Assistant Librarian, Mr. Carl B. Roden, for his very valuable services, not only in the prosecution of his usual tasks but in several emergencies that have made heavy additional demands upon his time and energies; and to the staff as a whole for their large contributions to our success in the loyal and efficient performance of their manifold duties. The function of the Board of Directors of an institution such as this is to represent and conserve, on the one hand, the interests of the public at large in the institution and, on the other hand, the interests of the institution in its relations to the public. The nearer these two interests draw to one another in identity, the more closely does the conduct of such institution approach the ideal. We may safely say that this is the goal toward which all of us, Board officials and staff, are conscientiously and unitedly striving, and that the Chicago Public Library has constantly and steadily grown in the regard of its patrons simultaneously with the widening circle of its activities.

It will be the part of the Board, as we know it to be the aim of the Librarian and staff, to maintain this high level by a continued devotion to the public interest and an ever-increasing measure of service. This is the inspiring task which we, at the close of our term of office, are privileged to transmit with clean hands to our successors.

MAX HENIUS,

*President.*

Chicago, June 25, 1917.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Public Library,  
Chicago, June 25, 1917.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Gentlemen:* As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1917:

## PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1917

### *Receipts*

Taxes 1915, collected June 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916	\$315,906.77	
Sale tax warrants (taxes 1916).....	205,000.00	
Taxes 1916, collected Jan. 1, 1917, to May 31, 1917.	\$239,765.79	
Less: Tax warrants 1916 redeemed.....	205,000.00	34,765.79
Interest on cash in hands of City Treasurer.....		957.07
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Sale of finding lists.....	\$ 560.81	
Books lost and paid for.....	1,644.23	
Miscellaneous .....	1,620.56	
Sale of duplicates.....	.85	
Fines for retention of books, Jan. 1, 1917, to May 31, 1917.....	9,931.09	13,757.54
		\$570,387.17
Fines for retention of books June 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916 (paid to pension fund, <i>see</i> disburse- ments) .....		12,410.13
		\$582,797.30
Security deposits:		
Deposits for library cards and books.....	\$ 3,644.70	
Deposits refunded .....	3,572.70	72.00
Total receipts during year.....		\$582,869.30
Funds June 1, 1916:		
Balance cash in hands City Treasurer.....		19,206.65
Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary.....		1,718.00
		\$603,793.95



*Disbursements*

Salaries, main library .....	\$222,018.87
Salaries, branches .....	94,298.09
Salaries, delivery stations and deposits.....	9,621.92
Delivery stations, miscellaneous.....	11,744.09
Branches .....	13,506.94
Books .....	108,484.56
Binding .....	34,038.44
Finding lists .....	4,307.39
Printing and stationery.....	9,594.87
Periodicals .....	8,352.88
Miscellaneous .....	4,503.07
Fuel .....	10,244.61
Heating and generating plant.....	1,808.57
Electrical supplies and repairs.....	1,053.35
Elevator supplies and repairs.....	324.61
Janitors expense .....	1,626.59
Furniture and fixtures.....	7,302.63
Insurance .....	3,470.88
Freight and expressage.....	219.39
Postage .....	2,317.33
Books lost and paid for—refunds.....	222.63
Repairs, alterations and improvements.....	27,734.24
Interest on 1916 tax warrants.....	401.38

Total expenditures .....\$577,197.33

## Pension Fund:

Fines paid into pension fund June 1, 1916-Dec.  
31, 1916 ..... 12,410.13

## Funds May 31, 1917:

Cash in hands of City Treasurer..... 12,396.49  
Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary..... 1,790.00

\$603,793.95

*Miscellaneous Funds.*

## INSURANCE FUND:

Balance June 1, 1916.....\$ 36.00  
Adjustment of fire losses..... 122.15

\$ 158.15

Repairs and replacements on account damage by  
fire .....\$ 98.15  
Balance May 31, 1917 ..... 60.00 158.15

## RENTAL COLLECTION:

Balance June 1, 1916.....\$ 267.21  
Fees for loan of books..... 2,441.67

\$ 2,708.88

Books purchased .....\$ 1,757.32  
Balance May 31, 1917..... 951.56 2,708.88

TRUST FUNDS

*Cash Receipts and Disbursements*

**KELLY FUND INCOME:**

Balance June 1, 1916.....	\$	488.76
Income on investments.....		20.04
Transferred from Kelly Branch.....		195.98
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	\$	704.78
Balance May 31, 1917 .....	\$	704.78

**KELLY BRANCH LIBRARY FUND:**

Balance June 1, 1916.....	\$	801.85
Income from investments .....		10,738.42
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	\$	11,540.27

Books .....	\$1,904.24
Periodicals .....	238.27
Binding .....	731.44
Salaries .....	6,758.44
Heat and light.....	700.35
Repairs and improvements .....	305.03
Insurance .....	175.00
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Miscellaneous expense .....	\$ 131.34	\$ 10,944.11
Transferred to Kelly fund income .....		195.98
Balance May 31, 1917.....	400.18	\$ 11,540.27
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**RYDER FUND INCOME:**

Balance June 1, 1916.....	\$	74.86
Income from investments.....		401.11
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	\$	475.97

Books .....	\$	295.10
Balance May 31, 1917.....		180.87
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		475.97

**BRECHER FUND INCOME:**

Balance June 1, 1916.....	\$	129.38
Income from investments .....		83.03
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	\$	212.41

Music books .....	\$	105.12
Balance May 31, 1917.....		107.29
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		212.41

**JACKSON FUND INCOME:**

Balance June 1, 1916.....	\$	39.04
Income from investments .....		51.20
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	\$	90.24

Books for the blind.....	\$	10.00
Balance May 31, 1917.....		80.24
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		90.24

*Summary of Balances*

May 31, 1917

## MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS:

Insurance fund .....	\$ 60.00
Rental collection fund .....	951.56
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	\$ 1,011.56

## TRUST FUNDS—INCOME:

Kelly fund .....	\$704.78	
Kelly branch .....	400.18	\$ 1,104.96
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Ryder fund .....	180.87	
Beecher fund .....	107.29	
Jackson fund .....	80.24	
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		1,473.36
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		\$ 2,484.92

*Cash Reconciliation*

Incidental fund .....	\$ 500.00	
Less incidental fund not reimbursed by City Treasurer .....	482.96	\$ 17.04
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Insurance fund .....		60.00
Rental collection .....		951.56
Security deposits .....		1,190.00
Special deposits .....		100.00
Trust funds income .....		1,473.36
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Cash on hand and in banks as per library books .....		\$ 3,791.96

*Trust Funds and Investments*

## TRUST FUNDS:

Hiram Kelly bequest .....	\$200,000.00	
Wm. H. Ryder bequest .....	10,000.00	
Jerome Beecher bequest .....	2,000.00	
H. W. Jackson bequest .....	1,000.00	
Hiram Kelly increment .....	65,000.00	
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		\$278,000.00

## INVESTMENTS:

Municipal bonds as per list attached (par value, \$278,000.00) .....	\$277,411.76	
Certificate of deposit, No. D9933 .....	588.24	\$278,000.00
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*Public Library Fund*

Balance in hands City Treasurer May 31, 1917 .....	\$ 12,396.49
Taxes 1915 collectible .....	49,727.85
Taxes 1916 collectible .....	336,570.02
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	\$398,694.36

## LIST OF SECURITIES

No. of Bonds	Description	Rate	Matu- rity	Denomi- nation	Par Value
7	Lincoln Park, Town of N. Chicago.	4%	1925	\$1,000	\$ 7,000.00
39	Lincoln Park, Town of Lake View...	4%	1923	1,000	39,000.00
2	Lincoln Park Commissioners .....	4%	1931	1,000	2,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1927	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1928	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1929	1,000	15,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1924	1,000	5,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1925	1,000	5,000.00
8	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1926	1,000	8,000.00
1	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1927	1,000	1,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1919	1,000	1,000.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1919	1,000	3,000.00
6	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1920	1,000	6,000.00
7	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1922	1,000	7,000.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1923	1,000	3,000.00
16	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1926	1,000	16,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
15	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1930	1,000	15,000.00
2	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	2,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	4,000.00
3	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	3,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	4,000.00
27	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	27,000.00
5	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	5,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	4,000.00
10	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1931	1,000	10,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1918	1,000	2,000.00
7	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	7,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1919	1,000	1,000.00
5	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1920	1,000	5,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1920	1,000	1,000.00
10	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	10,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
4	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	4,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1924	1,000	8,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1927	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Chicago Park Commissioners...	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Chicago Park .....	4%	1925	1,000	1,000.00
3	School District No. 39, Cook County.	4%	1922	500	1,500.00
1	Central Pacific Railway Co.....	4%	1949	500	500.00
1	North Shore Electric Co.....	5%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
	Certificate of deposit, No. D9933.....		....	....	588.24

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**\$278,588.24**

## THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the year ended May 31, 1917, and find them to be correct.

We were permitted by the City Treasurer's office to examine the library account in the books of the city, and we find that the receipts of the interest, taxes, etc., entered therein agree with the receipts in the library books.

In company with one of the Directors and the Secretary we inspected the securities representing the various investments, all of which were produced to us. We have also examined the foregoing statements and compared them with the books, vouchers and securities and we certify them to be correct.

Yours very truly,

UNITED STATES AUDIT COMPANY,

HENRY L. HERTZ, *President.*

Supervised by:

WHITNEY B. FLERSHEM, *Certified Public Accountant.*

### Books

Number of books in library June 1, 1916.....	701,059
Number of books purchased the past year .....	130,929
Number of books donated the past year .....	3,875
Number of books received from other sources.....	5,841
Total number of books added past year.....	140,645
Number of books worn out the past year.....	24,469
Number of books lost and paid for .....	1,729
Number of books delinquent 1915-16 .....	664
Number of books missing 1915-16.....	8,851
Books found and money refunded .....	181
Total number of books subtracted the past year .....	35,532
Total net additions the past year.....	105,113
Total number of volumes in library June 1, 1917.....	806,172
Total number of volumes unaccounted for in inventory of 1917....	10,404

State of Illinois,    }  
County of Cook.    } ss.

I, H. G. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. WILSON,  
*Secretary.*

Sworn and subscribed before me this 25th day of June, 1917.

JAMES BUGGIE,  
*Notary Public.*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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In compact form President Max Henius has summarized admirably the work of the Board during the preceding twelve months. Prospectively may be added to what he has narrated retrospectively an outline program for the succeeding twelve months. Legislation secured during the closing days of the assembly session just terminated will permit a broad and active program of extension unexampled in the history of the Chicago Public Library. Briefly stated the chief extensions which may well be planned for the ensuing year comprise the following primary purposes:

Laying the foundations for a complete system of regional and auxiliary branches covering every section of the 200 square miles of territory embraced within the corporate limits of Chicago.

Completion of the re-organization plan recently begun whereby well-balanced deposit stations will displace the delivery stations now dotting many outlying sections of the city.

Establishment of a down town business and information bureau on a basis of the utmost utility to the industrial and commercial interests of the city.

Absorption of the Municipal Reference Library as part of the Chicago Public Library maintained in the City Hall.

Creation of an educational division of work including not only the public school interests but also the unrelated and detached forms of informal education attempted in many circles and under many auspices without correlation.

Amplification of the activities of the Library in the form of bulletins, topical lists, a teachers' leaflet, a business men's information broadside and a series of finding lists covering the various resources of the general collection and its special features.

Re-classification of the 800,000 volumes now comprising the general collection of the Library.

Establishment of agencies at the Municipal Pier and in the thirty or more community centers maintained by the Board of Education, and elsewhere as opportunity may offer.

Collection of special materials relating to the history of Illinois and its subdivisions useful in connection with the Centennial Celebration of 1918.

An advertising campaign that will bring to the attention of every citizen what the Library possesses of value or interest for him.

Provisions for a special librarian to administer the library at the House of Correction and to supervise the Good Luck Library at the Chicago and Cook County School for Boys, the Good Hope library at the County Jail and the Good Cheer library at the County Hospital.

## II.

The plans for a system of branch libraries indicated above were given in detail in a report submitted to the Board at a meeting held November 27th. The essential features are contained in the following statement:

### WHAT THE PLAN MEANS

Under the Reorganization Program of the Library Board, there will be established:

1. Five Regional Branches, situated as follows:
  - A—Ravenswood.
  - B—Garfield Park.
  - C—Loop.
  - D—Englewood.
  - E—South Chicago.
2. Seventy Auxiliary or Local Branches, equally distributed where most needed, and where largest groups of population live. There are now 35, unequally distributed.
3. Sixty Deposit Stations, in more sparsely settled sections, or as many more as may be necessary to supply places not otherwise served. There are now 28.
4. One hundred Industrial and Commercial Branches, or as many more as business concerns are willing to equip and maintain. There are now 21.

5. Twenty-two High School Branches, if suitable quarters are provided by the school authorities. There are now 5.
6. Three thousand Class Room Libraries, or as many as may be needed (traveling collections of 50 volumes each, supervised by teachers and exchanged twice a year). There are now 848.
7. One hundred Special Deposits (or more, if needed), supplied to Y. M. C. A. houses, Eleanor Clubs, Organizations of Foreign Groups, Women's Clubs, Institutions, Special Groups such as Telegraph Messengers, Postal Clerks, etc., etc. These deposits are traveling collections of 50 to 100 volumes, exchanged monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly. There are now 29.

Each Regional Branch will have:

A Floating Collection of 50,000 volumes for use of Auxiliary or Local branches, as needed, through daily delivery service.

A Reference Collection suitably balanced, for use of Research Workers, Students, Business Men, Women's Clubs, etc., supplemented by daily delivery from the Main Library of special material not duplicated in the Regional branches.

Trained assistants to conduct Story Hours, Reference librarians, to assist club workers, teachers, etc.

Suitable collections of books in Foreign Languages, for redistribution to local centers where foreign groups are located.

Automobile delivery truck, with garage for housing, to distribute books daily in agencies of the district.

### III.

The education work of the Library should be strongly emphasized. The number of class room libraries should be multiplied until every one of the school rooms has been adequately supplied. The number of high school libraries should be added to materially wherever space and hospitality offer the opportunity. There should be bulletin boards in every school building of the city for posting library announcements regularly; a teachers' leaflet should be distributed to each and every teacher in the employ



of the public schools; the winter community centers should be supplied with reading material of suitable character; the circulation of graphic material of all kinds which has met with ready success in a limited way should be made more general, and especial attention should be paid to the efforts of that large class of adult students who eagerly desire direction and aid and for want of it gropingly misdirect time and effort in their quest for education and development. For them a plan is being formulated for courses of systematic reading with printed outlines as guides and with assurance that required books will be acquired in sufficient numbers to meet all demands. In the Reference Department of the Main Library and on a more modest scale in the chief branch libraries there will be added facilities in the way of reserve collections for study clubs, university extension classes, civic organizations and other groups of citizens desirous of making special studies. It is also hoped to so extend the story hour work that 100,000 young people instead of 30,000, as at present, may avail themselves of this channel of refreshment and stimulus in their contact with the right kind of books.

#### IV.

In connection with the suggestion for a down town business information bureau a special staff of trained experts must be secured to give prompt and direct aid to business concerns seeking special information of all kinds. Facilities should be provided for quick translation into English of letters in foreign languages received from all parts of the world. Expert advice should be available to business houses desirous of installing indexing and filing systems on the most approved lines. Indexes of all kinds should be provided to serve as guide posts and sources of information, and in general, there should be such equipment as will prove of practical value to business and industrial interests of Chicago. When times become normal again trade activities will demand a sharper and keener need in the competitive field than present haphazard methods can meet, and the Library can play an important part in proving its practical value in commercial development.

The "Made in Chicago" collection of catalogs now a part of the Civics Room could be transferred to this new division and could be materially expanded and made useful in many ways.

## V

It is with a special feeling of gratitude that the employees of the Library, who now number 489, record their appreciation of the consideration shown by the Board in raising their salaries during the past year. The salary schedules as revised are now as follows:

## PAGES

Group D . . . . .	\$420
Group C (at least 6 months' service in lower group) . . . . .	450
Group B (at least 6 months' service in next lower group) . . . . .	480
Group A (at least 6 months' service in next lower group) . . . . .	510

Pages performing evening service rated on the basis of three-fifths time in Group D and four-fifths time in Groups C, B and A.

## MULTIGRAPH OPERATORS

Group D . . . . .	\$600
Group C (upon completion of a year's service) . . . . .	660
Group B (upon completion of two years' service) . . . . .	720
Group A (upon completion of three years' service) . . . . .	780

## BOOK REPAIRERS AND TYPISTS

Group C . . . . .	\$480
Group B (upon completion of a year's service) . . . . .	540
Group A (upon completion of two years' service) . . . . .	600

## JUNIOR ASSISTANTS

## Grade I

Group D . . . . .	\$540
Group C (upon completion of a year's service) . . . . .	600
Group B (upon completion of two years' service) . . . . .	660
Group A (upon completion of three years' service) . . . . .	720

## SENIOR ASSISTANTS

## Grade II

Group E . . . . .	\$ 780
Group D (upon completion of a year's service) . . . . .	840
Group C (upon completion of two years' service) . . . . .	900
Group B (upon completion of three years' service) . . . . .	960
Group A (upon completion of four years' service) . . . . .	1,020

## PRINCIPAL ASSISTANTS

## Grade III

Group D . . . . .	\$1,080
Group C (upon completion of a year's service) . . . . .	1,140
Group B (upon completion of two years' service) . . . . .	1,200
Group A (upon completion of three years' service) . . . . .	1,260

## HEAD ASSISTANTS

## Grade IV

Group E . . . . .	\$1,320
Group D (upon completion of a year's service) . . . . .	1,380
Group C (upon completion of two years' service) . . . . .	1,440
Group B (upon completion of three years' service) . . . . .	1,500
Group A (upon completion of four years' service) . . . . .	1,560

## DIVISION CHIEFS

## Grade V

\$1,620 to \$3,300

## VI

As shown elsewhere in statistical form the Library made considerable gains during the past year, the home circulation alone showing a gain of 800,374, and other departments correspondingly. Despite restricted finances, nine new branches were opened and the beginnings were made in establishing a system of deposit stations with well-balanced collections of books for local needs. The six high school libraries now maintained in coöperation with the Board of Education proved a signal success, and applications are on file for similar branches in the following high schools:

Robert Lindblom, Parker, Wendell Phillips, McKinley, Hyde Park, Medill, Tuley and Crane Technical.

The extension of library privileges to individual readers by the substitution of one card enabling the use of five books at one time in lieu of two cards on each of which but one book could be drawn has also been greatly appreciated.

The erection of the Woodlawn Branch on lines which are a radical departure from those usually adopted for similar institutions marks a new step in library development that will commend itself.

This report would be incomplete without mention of the splendid support which the members of the Board have uniformly accorded the Librarian in all efforts aiming at improvement and service to the public. The President of the Board, Dr. Max Henius, has given of time, thought and interest in unstinted measure, and his valuable counsel has done much to stimulate and render practical the efforts of the staff. To him and to them I give thanks.

HENRY E. LEGLER,

*Chief Librarian.*

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Home circulation, including schools, 5,602,806; a gain of 800,374 over previous year.

Daily average circulation, 18,491.

School circulation, 343,936.

Number of branches, 45; delivery stations, 67; deposit stations, 47; business house deposits, 29; special deposits, 39; school deposits, 938; special school deposits, 74. Total number of agencies, 1,239.

Books issued in Reference Room, exclusive of open shelf volumes, 401,781.

Books issued in Art Room, 53,194.

Volumes consulted in Civics and Patents Rooms: Documents, 19,328; magazines, 20,015; bound newspapers, 8,023; books for blind, 171; directories, 28,901; pamphlets, 110,790; books, 10,432; patents 58,440.

Number of employes in all departments May 31, 1917, 489; total pay roll, \$332,697.32.

Number of registered card holders, 212,030; locally registered in deposit stations, 48,590; industrial branches, 26,000; schools, 48,310. Total number of users, 334,930.

## GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

The number of volumes in the library on May 31, 1917, was 806,172, a net increase of 105,113 over the number reported at the close of last year. The gross accessions of the year numbered 140,645 volumes. Of these, 130,929 were purchased, 3,875 were donated, 1,210 were acquired by binding periodicals, 2,215 by binding reports and pamphlets, 26 were taken from the duplicate room, 14 were received in exchange and 265 were books which had been lost and recovered, or missing in previous years and now recovered and re-accessioned; 83 were replaced by borrowers or guarantors, and 2,028 were transferred from rental to free collection.

There were deducted from the total number of volumes in the library during the past year the following items: Books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 24,469; books lost and paid for, 1,729; books unaccounted for in the annual inventory of 1915-16, 8,851; books not recovered from delinquent borrowers in 1915-16, 664. Of the books worn out and withdrawn

from circulation, 6,031 were English prose fiction, 15,967 were juvenile books, 986 were books in foreign languages, and 1,485 in all other classes.

The entire amount expended for books from all funds was \$112,556.34, which includes purchases for branch libraries and reading rooms.

Cost of books.....	\$112,556.34
Cost of periodicals.....	8,591.15
Cost of binding .....	34,769.88
Number of books accessioned.....	140,645
• Number of pamphlets accessioned.....	17,109

### HOME CIRCULATION

The Circulation Department of the main library was open on 303 days during the year. The department was closed on Sundays and holidays, but was open on week days from 9 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Exclusive of school circulation, the total number of books issued for home use was 5,258,870, an increase of 753,214 volumes, or 17 per cent over the previous year. The total daily average home circulation was 18,491 as compared with a total daily average of 15,694 of the previous year. The school circulation was 343,936, making a total home use of 5,602,806. The largest number of books issued for home circulation in any one day at the main library was 5,653, on February 24, 1917; the least number, 1,399, on June 6, 1916. The fines received from delinquent book borrowers amounted to \$22,341.22. The number of notices sent to borrowers and guarantors was 46,252. The total amount received from Rental Collection was \$2,441.67; expended for books, \$1,757.32. The total home circulation, exclusive of school circulation, but including the branches and deposit collections, is shown in the following table, month by month, giving the monthly average home circulation for the past two years. The branches were open for circulation on every day of the year except Christmas, Fourth of July, Preparedness Day, and Sundays, from June 1 to September 30.

1916-1917				1915-1916			
Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Av'ge	Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Av'ge
June.....	25	347,052	13,882	June.....	26	341,426	13,132
July.....	24	309,422	12,893	July.....	26	342,161	13,160
August.....	27	336,269	12,454	August.....	26	333,484	12,826
September..	25	314,480	12,579	September..	25	297,965	11,919
October....	28	416,121	16,005	October....	26	359,187	13,815
November..	25	482,503	19,300	November..	25	407,641	16,306
December..	25	456,035	18,241	December..	26	376,354	14,475
January....	26	523,112	20,120	January....	25	407,560	16,302
February...	22	499,605	22,709	February...	23	410,266	17,838
March.....	27	562,019	20,816	March.....	27	460,014	17,038
April.....	25	490,394	19,616	April.....	25	385,014	15,401
May.....	26	521,858	20,071	May.....	26	384,584	14,792
Total....	303	5,258,870	17,391	Total....	306	4,505,656	14,750

# RECORDED ISSUES

Home circulation .....	5,258,870
Reference Room .....	401,781
Women's Study Room .....	31,644
Art Room .....	53,194
Schools .....	343,936
Civics Room .....	194,620
Patents Room .....	59,897
Bound newspapers .....	8,023
Reading Room .....	123,356
	<u>6,475,321</u>

No count was kept at the Central Library, nor at any of the branches, of open shelf books used on the premises.

The number of books loaned on requisitions received from libraries outside of the city, asking for the loan of books under the inter-library loan plan was 28.

The recorded circulation of books deposited in public schools increased from 296,776 the previous year to 343,936. The deposit stations at the close of the year, exclusive of school rooms and special school deposits, of which 1,012 were reached, numbered 29; traveling libraries, 47; settlements and clubs, 39. The circulation during the year was as follows:

Deposit stations .....	254,028
.. Traveling libraries .....	528,439
Schools .....	343,936
Total .....	<u>1,126,403</u>

The school circulation is given in the following table, showing the number of class rooms supplied in the different schools and also the average number of weeks the volumes were in use:

Schools	Volumes	No. Class Rooms	No. Weeks Used	Total Use
Adams .....	150	3	36	1,391
Agassiz .....	500	10	26	3,105
Alcott .....	50	1	30	276
Altgeld .....	200	4	39	1,975
Armstrong .....	150	3	11	550
Arnold .....	150	3	26	1,330
Audubon .....	73	2	34	1,250
Avondale .....	50	1	14	870
Barnard .....	450	9	27	3,909
Beaubien .....	50	1	36	350
Bell .....	50	1	9	442
Bismark .....	50	1	35	379
Blaine .....	652	13	9	3,082
Brainard .....	50	1	35	622
Brentano .....	840	17	24	7,622
Brown .....	50	1	33	394
Bryant .....	250	5	29	3,523
Budlong .....	295	5	18	1,845
Burley .....	655	13	19	3,900
Burns .....	150	3	34	1,690
Burnside .....	250	5	22	1,588
Burroughs .....	50	1	12	350
Byford .....	50	1	16	350
Calhoun .....	100	2	14	659
Chalmers .....	500	10	27	3,257
Champlin .....	100	2	15	559
Chase .....	200	4	31	1,910
Chicago Lawn .....	100	2	12	554
Chicago Lawn Br. 4 .....	250	5	34	1,134
Chopin .....	259	6	10	1,671
Clay .....	350	7	32	3,075
Cleveland .....	550	11	13	3,919
Colman .....	200	4	28	2,358
Columbus .....	350	7	17	2,882
Coonley .....	250	5	28	1,332
Copernicus .....	100	2	13	644
Corkery .....	385	8	14	2,538
Cregier .....	100	2	31	685
Crerar .....	350	8	11	1,235
Davis .....	150	3	30	1,105
Delano .....	50	1	30	223
Dewey .....	200	4	15	1,217
Dore .....	250	5	13	1,321
Drummond .....	150	3	17	2,665
Earle .....	50	1	9	223
Emerson .....	50	1	30	1,353
Ericsson .....	250	5	34	1,696
Fallon .....	110	2	14	919
Farragut .....	1,050	21	25	7,641
Farren .....	100	2	33	756
Field .....	150	3	25	688
Fiske .....	100	2	35	700
Forrestville .....	527	Circulation counted with branches.		
Foster .....	150	3	34	595

Schools	Volumes	No. Class Rooms	No. Weeks Used	Total Use
Gage Park.....	250	5	11	4,229
Gallistel .....	50	1	33	273
Gary .....	560	11	20	3,012
Gladstone .....	50	1	34	409
Goodrich .....	100	2	27	410
Graham .....	50	1	33	296
Grant .....	350	7	28	2,021
Gray .....	600	12	12	4,689
Greene .....	50	1	36	397
Greeley .....	50	1	36	320
Gresham .....	50	1	50	140
Hamilton .....	355	7	27	3,404
Hamline .....	170	3	19	867
Hammond .....	300	6	23	1,659
Harper .....	1,220	24	23	9,852
Haugan .....	150	3	16	1,034
Hawthorne .....	250	5	20	3,024
Hayes .....	350	7	23	2,384
Hayt .....	50	1	15	358
Headley .....	50	1	25	184
Healy .....	100	2	14	1,100
Hedges .....	100	2	11	562
Herzl .....	150	3	27	870
Hibbard .....	355	7	6	1,079
Holmes .....	350	7	25	4,337
Illinois Technical.....	100	2	29	700
Immaculate Conception.....	500	10	19	3,726
Irving .....	295	7	24	1,822
Irving Park.....	100	2	10	410
Jenner .....	50	1	12	131
Jones .....	50	1	8	129
Keeler Av.....	450	9	19	2,767
Kinzie .....	50	1	12	350
Kohn .....	202	4	21	682
Lafayette .....	260	10	20	1,612
Langland .....	550	11	14	2,876
Lawson .....	150	3	35	1,340
LeMoynes .....	135	2	12	818
Linne .....	250	5	25	2,134
Longfellow .....	200	4	36	3,994
Lowell .....	300	6	28	3,336
McAllister .....	50	1	15	393
McClelland .....	50	1	9	354
McCormick .....	50	1	6	220
McCosh .....	600	12	15	4,184
McLaren .....	50	1	36	350
McPherson .....	616	12	20	3,219
Madison .....	50	1	15	654
Mann .....	150	3	28	768
Marsh .....	350	7	22	3,228
Morris .....	100	2	34	726
Mt. Clare Br.....	50	1	31	844
Mozart .....	200	4	35	1,694
Mulligan .....	175	4	27	475
Nettelhorst .....	50	1	36	505
Newberry .....	400	8	30	3,031
Nixon .....	600	12	18	5,395
Nobel .....	200	4	29	1,380
Oglesby .....	350	7	16	2,903



Schools	Volumes	No. Class Rooms	No. Weeks Used	Total Use
Otis .....	50	1	33	1,350
Parental .....	305	8	31	4,250
Parkman .....	400	8	35	3,647
Park Manor.....	50	1	36	555
Parkside .....	249	5	18	1,261
Patrick Henry .....	50	1	10	173
Peirce .....	450	9	36	3,103
Penn .....	350	7	15	2,680
Pickard .....	50	1	8	337
Plamondon .....	450	9	27	2,955
Poe .....	300	6	13	1,210
Portage Park.....	100	2	14	180
Prescott .....	150	3	20	1,809
Pulaski .....	200	4	24	1,114
Pullman .....	100	2	33	792
Raster .....	100	2	23	586
Raster Br. 2.....	50	1	14	350
Ravenswood .....	200	4	19	1,130
Ray .....	200	4	35	1,341
Raymond .....	300	6	19	2,384
Reilly .....	400	8	31	3,286
Revere .....	150	3	22	1,059
Ryder .....	50	1	34	385
Ryerson .....	160	3	27	1,131
Sabin .....	250	5	23	1,062
St. Brendan's .....	271	5	34	1,631
St. Catherine .....	100	2	17	968
St. Henry's .....	100	2	13	226
St. Ignatius .....	415	8	22	3,200
St. Jarlath's .....	110	2	34	516
St. Leo .....	150	3	32	500
St. Thomas .....	300	6	27	1,352
Sawyer Av. ....	520	10	16	5,154
Sawyer Av. Br. 1.....	200	4	39	1,913
Sawyer Av. Br. 3.....	90	2	10	767
Sawyer Av. Br. 4.....	50	1	10	150
Scanlan .....	50	1	..	....
Schley .....	100	2	23	618
Schneider .....	260	6	27	2,956
Seward .....	60	1	12	250
Sexton .....	100	2	22	427
Scott .....	50	1	34	350
Sheridan, Phil.....	50	1	17	312
Shields .....	1,275	26	28	12,984
Skinner .....	300	6	31	1,741
Smyth .....	400	8	25	1,650
Spencer .....	150	3	33	1,248
Spry .....	1,070	22	27	10,770
Stewart .....	75	2	22	1,144
Sullivan .....	615	13	20	3,700
Talcott .....	100	2	12	491
Tennyson .....	400	8	15	2,217
Thorp, J. N.....	50	1	36	350
Thorp, O. A.....	100	2	31	700
Tilden .....	250	5	35	2,958
Tilton .....	200	4	29	1,080
Trumbull .....	850	17	30	7,491
University Av.....	450	9	27	3,159
Van Vlissingen.....	105	3	22	626

Schools	Volumes	No. Class Rooms	No. Weeks Used	Total Use
Visitation .....	1,076	22	31	9,137
Wadsworth .....	1,050	21	16	5,498
Walsh .....	100	2	17	359
Warren .....	50	1	11	162
Washington .....	100	2	33	908
Waters .....	150	3	27	613
Webster .....	50	1	36	856
Wells .....	125	2	20	1,256
Wentworth .....	100	2	35	413
West Pullman .....	850	17	26	6,704
Western Av. ....	50	1	33	705
Willard .....	800	16	18	3,899
Woodlawn .....	25	1	16	125
Yale .....	100	2	21	596
Yates .....	50	1	36	778
Total .....	45,695	915	22	334,245

High Schools	Volumes	No. Class Rooms	No. Weeks Used	Total Use
Carter Practice.....	200	4	17	1,176
Haines Practice.....	200	4	29	1,621
Lake View.....	25	1	31	213
Lane Technical.....	400	8	30	3,096
Providence Academy.....	200	4	20	795
Tilden .....	50	1	35	350
Tuley .....	50	1	..	....
Total .....	1,125	23	Aver. 23	7,251

SPECIAL DEPOSITS—GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

	Volumes	No. Class Rooms	No. Weeks Used	Total Use
Bryant .....	12	...	..	24
Copernicus .....	3	...	..	6
Corkery .....	15	...	..	30
Forrestville .....	222	Circulation counted with branches.		
McClellan .....	30	...	..	60
Otis .....	28	...	..	56
Ray .....	20	...	..	40
Schmidt (Private).....	6	...	..	12
Willard .....	13	...	..	26
Total .....	349	...	..	254

## SPECIAL DEPOSITS—HIGH SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES

	Volumes	No. Class Rooms	No. Weeks Used	Total Use
Bethany Seminary.....	2	...	..	4
Chicago Training.....	180	...	..	360
Crane .....	50	...	..	100
Heath Review .....	2	...	..	4
Holy Angels' .....	11	...	..	22
Holy Child .....	48	...	..	96
Hyde Park.....	95	...	..	190
Immaculate Conception.....	10	...	..	20
Lane Technical.....	34	...	..	68
Lourdes .....	54	...	..	108
Loyola .....	91	...	..	182
Marshall .....	28	..	..	56
Medill .....	52	...	..	104
Morgan Park.....	17	...	..	34
National Kindergarten College.	7	...	..	14
Parker .....	74	...	..	148
Providence Academy.....	66	...	..	132
St. Elizabeth .....	28	...	..	56
St. Francis .....	2	...	..	4
St. Henry .....	18	...	..	36
St. Ignatius .....	61	...	..	122
St. Jarlath .....	10	...	..	20
St. Thomas .....	17	...	..	34
St. Xavier.....	16	...	..	32
Senn .....	24	...	..	48
Technical Normal.....	36	...	..	72
Visitation .....	57	...	..	114
Y. M. C. A. Training.....	2	...	..	4
Total .....	1,093	...	..	2,186

Schools	Volumes	No. Class Rooms	No. Weeks Used	Total Use
Grammar .....	45,695	915	..	334,245
High .....	1,125	23	..	7,251
Total .....	46,820	938	..	341,496

## SPECIAL DEPOSITS

Schools	Volumes	No. Class Rooms	No. Weeks Used	Total Use
Grammar .....	349	8	..	254
High .....	1,093	66	..	2,186
Total .....	1,442	74	..	2,440
Grand Total.....	48,262	1,012	..	343,936

The branch circulation figures for the year are as follows:

	Direct	Stations	Total	No. Vols. in Branch
Armour Square.....	29,930	3,177	33,107	2,639
Austin .....	125,543	4,411	129,954	9,740
Bessemer Park.....	47,990	3,033	51,023	3,031
Blackstone .....	105,414	5,585	110,999	16,803
Burr School.....	66,948	2,280	69,228	7,471
Cornell Square.....	42,515	1,240	43,755	2,974
Davis Square.....	21,331	1,196	22,527	2,135
Douglas Park.....	195,362	23,481	218,843	8,572
Dvorak Park.....	50,189	2,111	52,300	2,776
Eckhart Park.....	66,837	3,843	70,680	4,078
Forrestville School, opened Jan. 4 1917 .....	18,729	1,381	20,110	1,822
Fuller Park.....	55,374	2,824	58,198	4,584
Hamilton Park .....	72,327	3,616	75,943	4,365
Hamlin Park .....	53,546	1,885	55,431	4,399
Hardin Square, opened Jan. 22, 1917 .....	22,507	574	23,081	2,746
Hebrew Institute.....	106,610	14,093	120,703	7,239
Holstein Park.....	57,143	2,094	59,237	4,021
Humboldt .....	151,555	19,910	171,465	6,681
Independence Park.....	43,525	2,583	46,108	2,426
Kelly .....	170,527	5,432	175,959	13,760
Kosciuszko, opened Apr. 16, 1917..	6,487	61	6,548	1,786
Lewis Institute.....	152,491	9,358	161,849	11,365
Lincoln Centre.....	87,666	4,990	92,656	8,419
Logan Square.....	103,291	5,763	109,054	6,601
Mark White Square.....	46,700	1,938	48,638	3,105
Morse School, opened Apr. 3, 1917..	8,717	355	9,072	1,810
Ogden Park.....	109,023	3,778	112,801	5,547
Palmer Park.....	50,025	1,482	51,507	3,169
Pulaski Park.....	44,615	1,010	45,625	2,960
Scanlan School, opened Oct. 4, 1917 .....	38,594	460	39,054	2,345
Seward Park.....	65,331	5,067	70,398	3,604
Sheridan .....	136,229	4,544	140,773	8,115
Sherman Park.....	66,176	1,768	67,944	4,474
Stanford Park.....	63,259	2,528	65,787	4,241
Stanton Park.....	46,984	1,528	48,512	2,602
Sumner School.....	56,709	2,426	59,135	2,805
Walker .....	31,968	1,023	32,991	8,788
West Twenty-sixth Street.....	109,403	2,019	111,422	6,971
Woodlawn, opened Feb. 12, 1917..	59,440	4,006	63,446	8,880
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,787,010</b>	<b>158,853</b>	<b>2,945,863</b>	<b>209,849</b>

#### HIGH SCHOOL BRANCHES

	Direct	Stations	Total	No. Vols. in Branch
Austin .....	30,070	.....	30,070	5,225
Englewood, opened Dec. 11, 1916..	16,877	.....	16,877	5,846
Harrison .....	41,183	.....	41,183	4,161
Lake View, opened Feb. 1, 1917...	11,719	.....	11,719	6,046
Marshall, opened Mar. 22, 1917...	1,484	35	1,519	2,428
Senn .....	45,276	.....	45,276	4,662
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>146,609</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>146,644</b>	<b>28,368</b>
<b>Grand Total.....</b>	<b>2,933,619</b>	<b>158,888</b>	<b>3,092,507</b>	<b>238,217</b>

## CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION

The classification of the books issued for home reading at the main library and through the delivery stations, showing the number of volumes and the percentage of each class, is as follows:

	Volumes	Pct.
English prose fiction.....	545,133	35.40
Juvenile literature.....	395,104	25.66
History and biography.....	74,464	04.84
Geography and travels.....	32,645	02.12
Sciences and arts.....	268,938	17.47
Poetry and drama.....	89,475	05.81
Foreign languages.....	70,148	04.56
Miscellaneous .....	63,805	04.14
Total .....	1,539,712	100.00

## REGISTRATION

During the three years ending May 31, 1917, the statistics of the Registry Department show that 234,153 cards were issued. There were canceled during this period 22,123 cards, leaving the number of live cards outstanding at the close of the year 212,030. Of the total number of cards issued during the year, 17,708 were applied for at the main library and 61,605 at the delivery stations and branches. This is exclusive of local cards issued at the traveling library stations, business house stations, etc. There were issued 1,437 teachers' cards, 12,607 non-fiction cards, 1,635 vacation cards, 26,009 juvenile cards, 4,690 juvenile non-fiction cards, 91 research cards, 273 students' cards, 2,154 summer cards, 31 parcel post cards, 2,696 fee duplicate cards, and there were 1,414 books issued on deposit. Number of cards lost and replaced by new cards was 11,920.

## DELIVERY STATIONS

The circulation of books for home use through the delivery stations was 743,131, a decrease of 27,897 as compared with last year. The number of delivery stations in operation at the close of the year was 107, as compared with 114 the previous year. The amount expended for compensation of delivery station keepers and deposit stations was \$9,621.92.

## REFERENCE ROOM

The number of recorded visitors to the Reference Room was 161,167. The total number of volumes issued from the stock

rooms was 401,781. No estimate is possible of the number of open shelf books used in the room. The largest attendance at any one time was 297, at 3 o'clock on March 3, 1917.

The classification of books used in the Reference Room is as follows:

	Volumes	Pct.
Arts and sciences.....	159,775	39.8
History and biography.....	57,950	14.4
Bound periodicals.....	53,293	13.3
Geography and travels.....	32,853	8.2
Language and literature.....	69,197	17.3
All other classes.....	28,713	7.0
Total .....	401,781	100.0

## ART ROOM

The Art Room was visited by 12,504 readers, who consulted 53,194 books.

## WOMEN'S STUDY ROOM

The Women's Study Room was visited by 42,038 readers, who consulted 31,644 books.

## HUGHES ROOM

The attendance in the Hughes Room was 32,363. There were circulated in this room 32,658 books and 21,455 pictures. No record was kept of the number of books consulted at or borrowed from the open shelves.

## READING ROOM

The largest number present in the room at one time was 531, on January 14, 1917, at 3 o'clock.

The number of newspapers and magazines on file in the Reading Room is 1,222.

The amount expended for newspapers and periodicals for branches and reading rooms was \$8,352.88, exclusive of \$238.27 expended for the Kelly Branch out of the Kelly Branch Fund.

Visitors .....	1,165,929
Serials on file.....	1,222
Cost of serials.....	\$8,591.15

## CIVICS ROOM

The attendance in the Civics Room was 59,719 during the year. There were consulted in this room 19,328 documents, 20,015 magazines, 28,901 directories, 110,790 pamphlets, 10,432 books and 2,366 maps.

## PATENTS ROOM

The attendance in the Patents Room was 18,952 during the year. There were consulted in this room 58,440 patents, 8,023 bound newspapers, 171 books for the blind and 1,286 business catalogs.

## BOOKS FOR THE BLIND

The collection of books for the blind now numbers 1,764 volumes, comprising 768 volumes in Braille Print, 658 in Moon Type, 228 volumes in American Line, and 110 volumes in New York Point. Twenty volumes were added during the year. There were circulated for home use 5,469 volumes; 171 volumes were used at the main library.

## ADMINISTRATION

The entire number of persons employed in all departments of the library service May 31, 1917, was 489, an increase of 87 over last year. The payrolls of the main library, branches, delivery stations and traveling libraries amounted to \$325,938.88, exclusive of \$6,758.44 for the Kelly Branch, which was paid out of the Kelly fund.

## BINDING

The number of volumes sent to binderies during the year was 71,948. Of these 67,944 were newly bound or rebound, and 4,004 were resewed in the old covers. There were repaired in the Binding Department 66,291 books; 8,242 were repaired at the binderies. The books relabeled during the year numbered 27,827 volumes. The amount expended for binding was \$34,769.88.

## ANNUAL INVENTORY

The total number of books missing at the close of the year was 10,404, as compared with 8,848 in 1915-16. Of these 3,058

are missing at the main library, 650 in deposits, 199 in school deposits and 6,497 in the branches. Of the books unaccounted for in last year's inventory, 556 have since been found.

### CATALOG DEPARTMENT

During the year 34,300 volumes (including music) were cataloged and classified. Of these 7,262 were new titles, 574 were recataloged, 2,271 were additions, corrections, etc., and 20,399 were replacements, extra copies and continuations.

There were added to the public card catalog 28,207 cards, of which 7,430 were subject cards, 13,588 author and title cards, and 7,189 additions and corrections; 19,062 cards, including foreign deposits, were added to the official card catalog; 3,260 cards were filed in the music catalog. There was no record kept of cards filed in six departmental catalogs in the main library.

There were ordered from the Library of Congress for the main library 5,338 titles and 7,091 were received (this includes the cards for the Illinois bibliography); 31,927 titles were ordered for the branches department and 31,909 were received; 2,313 titles (20,991 copies) and 51 lists (3,285 copies) were multi-graphed.



## THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CIRCULATION OF BOOKS 1874-1917

Year	Home circulation of books	Daily average circulation	Books issued through Delivery stations	Books issued through branches (direct or station)	Fines collected
1874	7,659	295	.....	.....	\$ 3.65
1875	399,156	1,313	.....	.....	2,648.72
1880	306,751	1,002	.....	.....	1,775.72
1885	519,691	1,704	65,271	.....	3,088.00
1890	843,971	2,830	201,257	.....	4,853.75
1895	1,147,862	3,816	545,866	.....	5,543.88
1900	1,749,775	5,769	1,143,391	.....	7,196.98
1905	1,336,199	4,400	788,657	4,336	6,732.20
1906	1,411,106	4,548	846,802	36,343	7,484.91
1907	1,414,292	4,521	844,415	52,451	8,284.65
1908	1,601,645	5,046	954,000	71,074	8,662.83
1909	1,777,142	5,885	1,129,450	70,486	9,162.63
1910	1,805,012	5,938	1,135,848	184,956	10,151.94
1911	2,256,022	7,397	1,075,376	592,454	12,851.36
1912	2,587,232	8,455	948,815	1,063,740	14,196.22
1913	3,037,035	9,587	883,366	1,396,422	15,359.64
1914	3,428,638	11,261	804,987	1,680,529	16,803.41
1915	4,326,057	14,184	820,227	2,310,701	18,636.64
1916	4,802,432	15,694	771,028	2,614,504	20,911.43
1917	5,602,806	18,491	743,131	3,092,507	22,341.22

## BOOK ACCESSIONS 1874-1917

Year	Volumes in library	Total accessions	Volumes purchased	Volumes donated	Expended for books	Books worn out	Accessions of pamphlets
1874	18,183	11,331	9,899	1,432	\$10,733.11	.....	2,638
1875	39,236	21,053	20,122	969	28,410.63	38	1,944
1880	67,772	8,440	7,799	641	7,404.52	1,137	487
1885	111,621	6,836	5,692	1,144	6,899.14	698	3,201
1890	156,242	10,908	10,073	835	11,148.66	3,507	1,635
1895	211,157	18,485	16,727	975	19,431.18	5,595	1,236
1900	258,498	12,911	9,651	1,622	12,476.70	3,905	1,807
1905	304,510	22,879	18,436	2,097	19,884.79	8,002	3,456
1906	323,610	26,236	22,616	1,997	24,013.53	6,365	4,042
1907	339,282	24,987	21,927	1,438	20,078.07	8,303	2,596
1908	352,093	25,843	22,353	1,765	24,262.76	11,466	1,499
1909	365,349	28,197	25,303	1,315	27,064.70	12,900	868
1910	402,848	55,990	51,482	2,693	45,520.85	14,688	132
1911	448,073	58,644	54,504	2,070	46,283.09	10,020	2,022
1912	481,708	50,952	45,834	3,655	43,190.29	10,340	1,944
1913	514,259	47,467	39,035	6,368	38,136.33	9,503	1,734
1914	571,358	78,231	73,228	2,670	65,779.48	21,132	2,805
1915	627,619	75,837	69,305	3,901	61,661.31	12,796	10,251
1916	701,059	100,527	82,158	13,006	72,171.42	15,516	16,184
1917	806,172	140,645	130,929	3,875	112,556.34	24,469	17,109

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS

	Vols. in library May 31, 1916	Total ac- cessions 1916-17	Net ac- cessions 1916-17	Vols. in library May 31, 1917
Ancient Classics . . . . .	1,960	95	-19	1,941
Bibliography . . . . .	6,288	291	291	6,579
Biography . . . . .	20,482	1,450	1,219	21,701
Books for the Blind . . . . .	1,637	24	24	1,661
Documents . . . . .	35,155	4,343	4,343	39,498
English Fiction . . . . .	134,035	35,312	27,369	161,404
Essays and Miscellanies . . . . .	6,980	807	698	7,678
Fine Arts . . . . .	16,193	3,354	2,863	19,056
Geography and Travels . . . . .	20,160	2,034	1,832	21,992
History . . . . .	30,051	2,709	2,450	32,501
Juvenile Books . . . . .	137,309	61,578	39,771	177,080
Language and Lit. and C. W. . . . .	20,032	2,685	2,170	22,202
Law . . . . .	1,764	101	62	1,826
Medicine . . . . .	3,118	724	645	3,763
Mental and Moral Science . . . . .	12,532	1,913	1,671	14,203
Music (Sheet) . . . . .	10,330	680	652	10,982
Music (Volumes) . . . . .	5,043	114	109	5,152
Music (pianola) . . . . .		480	480	480
Natural Science . . . . .	15,779	1,834	1,610	17,389
Periodicals . . . . .	54,633	1,340	1,323	55,956
Poetry and Drama . . . . .	16,476	2,644	2,420	18,896
Political and Social Science . . . . .	22,025	5,025	4,681	26,706
Reference Books . . . . .	9,318	1,315	1,230	10,548
Religion . . . . .	11,464	616	537	12,001
Useful Arts . . . . .	36,871	5,099	4,289	41,160
Bohemian Literature . . . . .	5,158	334	30	5,188
Dutch Literature . . . . .	1,460		-6	1,454
French Literature . . . . .	12,921	62	-51	12,870
German Literature . . . . .	27,954	350	-324	27,630
Hungarian Literature . . . . .	277	11	-4	273
Italian Literature . . . . .	1,896	189	171	2,067
Japanese and Chinese Lit. . . . .	135	1	1	136
Lettish Literature . . . . .	602	36	35	637
Lithuanian Literature . . . . .	635	316	286	921
Polish Literature . . . . .	4,527	245	25	4,552
Portuguese Literature . . . . .	44			44
Russian Literature . . . . .	2,454	391	348	2,802
Scandinavian Literature . . . . .	8,517	1,093	981	9,498
Spanish Literature . . . . .	1,301	599	579	1,880
Welsh Literature . . . . .	8			8
Yiddish Literature . . . . .	3,514	448	320	3,834
Other Languages . . . . .	21	3	2	23
Total . . . . .	701,059	140,645	105,113	806,172



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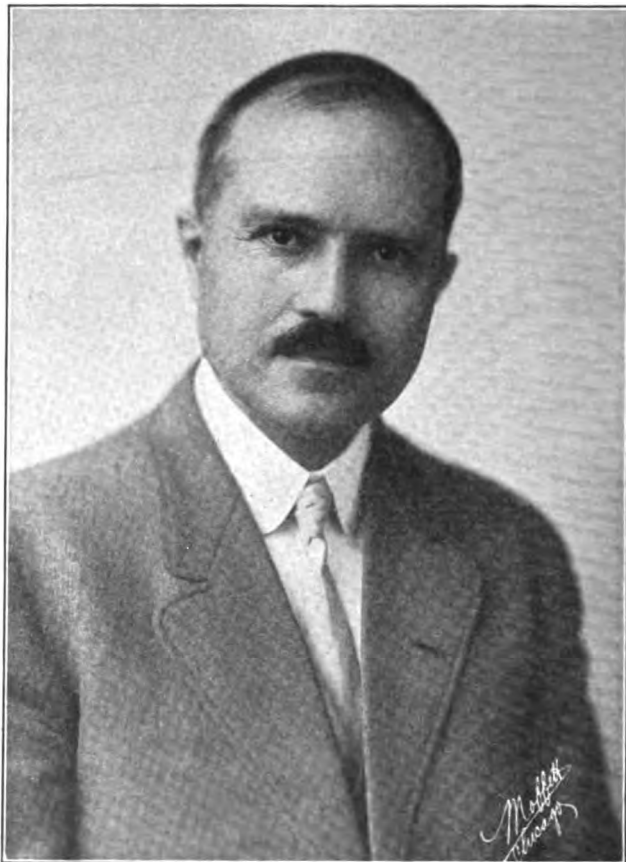
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HENRY E. LEGLER  
LIBRARIAN, CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OCTOBER 11, 1909, TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1917

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 30, 1917—October 22, 1917

	Expiration of Term
MAX HENIUS, <i>President</i> .....	1917
CHARLES C. BREYER, <i>Vice-President</i> .....	1917
ANTONIO LAGORIO.....	1915
OSCAR G. MAYER.....	1915
JAMES J. HEALY.....	1916
FRANK J. POKORNEY.....	1916
T. FRANK O'CONNELL.....	1916
PHILIP M. KSYCKI.....	1917
ALFRED E. BARR.....	1918

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HARRY G. WILSON, *Secretary to the Board*

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

June 30, 1917—October 22, 1917

*Library*—Directors Pokorney, Lagorio and Barr.

*Administration*—Directors Ksycki, Mayer, Lagorio and O'Connell.

*Buildings and Grounds*—Directors Healy, Breyer and Barr.

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Beginning October 22, 1917

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JAMES J. HEALY, <i>Vice-President</i> .....	1919
R. G. SHUTTER.....	1920
CHARLES E. SCHICK.....	1920
EDGAR A. JONAS.....	1920
SAMUEL GESSLER.....	1919
CARL O. BEROETH.....	1919
FRANK F. TOLLKUEHN.....	1918
LAWRENCE CUNEO.....	1918

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*Library*—Directors Jonas, Beroeth and Shutter.

*Administration*—Directors Shutter, Tollkuehn and Healy.

*Buildings and Grounds*—Directors Schick, Healy and Gessler.



# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

APRIL 11, 1872, TO JULY 1, 1918

## WITH THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| Allen, James Lane, 1880-82.               | Henius, Max, 1911-17.             |
| *Anthony, Elliott, 1872-77.               | Herhold, Frederick H., 1897-1901. |
| *Armstrong, Geo. B., 1881-82;<br>1908-11. | Hirsch, Emil G., 1888-97.         |
| Barr, Alfred E., 1899; 1916-1918.         | Hotz, Ferdinand C., 1875-81.      |
| Beebe, Wm. H., 1887-89.                   | *Hoyne, Thos., 1872-75.           |
| Beroth, Carl O., 1917-19.                 | Hutchinson, Chas. L., 1898-1901.  |
| *Billings, Albert M., 1875-78.            | *Hynes, Wm. J., 1881-87.          |
| *Blodgett, Edward A., 1908-10.            | Jonas, Edgar A., 1917-20.         |
| Bowers, James F., 1901-08.                | *Kadlec, L. W., 1880-89.          |
| Bradley, J. Harley, 1887.                 | Kaspar, Wm., 1889-94.             |
| Breyer, Charles C., 1913-17.              | Keeley, Thos. F., 1894-97.        |
| *Brine, Geo. J., 1886-87.                 | *Kent, Wm. D., 1888-89.           |
| *Brosseau, Z. P., 1893-96; 1901-07.       | Ksycki, Philip M., 1911-17.       |
| *Callaghan, B., 1880-96.                  | Kuflewski, W. A., 1899-1902.      |
| Cigrand, B. J., 1903-10.                  | Lagorio, Antonio, 1906-17.        |
| Collins, Michael J., 1912-13.             | Lewke, Otto W., 1897-1900.        |
| Cunéo, Lawrence, 1917-18.                 | *Lindstrand, Frans A., 1903-06.   |
| *Curran, Wm., 1882-83.                    | *Loewenthal, B., 1875-82.         |
| Despres, Samuel, 1903-06; 1912-15.        | Lowe, John W., 1902-06.           |
| Diener, T. C., 1893-95.                   | McCormick, Robert S., 1895-1901.  |
| *Dreyer, Edw. S., 1889-95.                | McDowell, Malcolm, 1913-14.       |
| Eckhart, John W., 1901-07.                | MacMillan, T. C., 1882-87.        |
| Egan, Dennis J., 1903-05.                 | Mannhardt, Emil, 1885-88.         |
| *Enright, John W., 1883-88.               | Mason, George, 1874-80.           |
| *Forrester, Robert H., 1879-80.           | Mayer, Oscar G., 1914-17.         |
| Frank, Mortimer, 1910-13.                 | Meeker, Arthur, 1900-03.          |
| Franks, Jacob, 1897-1903.                 | *Moos, Bernhard, 1887-96.         |
| *Freeman, Henry V., 1910-13.              | *Moses, Adolph, 1882-88.          |
| Fyffe, Colin C. H., 1903-05.              | Novak, John L., 1905-08.          |
| *Garibaldi, John G., 1900-02.             | Onahan, Wm. J., 1874-81.          |
| Gessler, Samuel, 1917-19.                 | O'Connell, T. Frank, 1913-17.     |
| *Gunderson, S. T., 1895-98.               | Peabody, Francis S., 1899-1903.   |
| *Hamilton, John B., 1896-98.              | *Plamondon, Chas. A., 1899-1902.  |
| *Hatch, Azel F., 1890-93; 1894-1900.      | Pokorney, Frank J., 1913-17.      |
| *Hayes, Samuel S., 1872-75.               | *Queal, Robert F., 1872-76.       |
| Healy, J. J., 1913-19.                    | *Raster, Hermann, 1872-75.        |
| Hedenberg, James W., 1895-98.             | Rawson, Frederick H., 1908-11.    |
| *Heldmann, Geo. D., 1902-03.              | *Rend, Wm. P., 1889-92.           |
|   | Rogers, Henry W., 1883-85.        |
|   | *Rosenthal, Julius, 1872-75.      |
|   | Roulston, Robert J., 1905-13.     |

- Rubens, Harry, 1879-85.  
 Ryan, Andrew J., 1898-99.  
 Schick, Charles E., 1917-20.  
 \*Schmidt, Ernst, 1881-82.  
 \*Scranton, Abner R., 1876-79.  
 \*Sheahan, James W., 1872-74.  
 \*Shields, Michael, 1902-03.  
 \*Shorey, Daniel L., 1872-80.  
 \*Shortall, John G., 1886-95.  
 Shutter, R. G., 1917-20.  
 \*Smith, Pliny B., 1888-94.  
 \*Smith, Robert J., 1890-93.  
 Smith, Sidney, 1877-79.  
 \*Smyth, John M., 1892-95.
- \*Sprague, Otho S. A., 1878-81.  
 Stern, Julius, 1906-12.  
 \*Swazey, Arthur, 1885-87.  
 Taylor, Graham, 1906-12.  
 Tollkuehn, Frank F., 1917-18.  
 Umbdenstock, Michael, 1887-90.  
 \*Van Osdel, John M., 1896-99.  
 \*Wait, Horatio L., 1910-13.  
 \*Walker, J. B., 1875-83.  
 \*Waterman, Arba N., 1908-10.  
 \*Wells, Wm. H., 1882-85.  
 \*Williams, Norman, 1887-89.  
 \*Woodard, Willard, 1872-74.
- \*Sheahan, Jas. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20, 1872.  
 \*Wickersham, W. B., Secretary from July 20, 1872, to October 15, 1908.  
 Wilson, Harry G., Acting Secretary, October 15, 1908, to March 11, 1909. Secretary since March 11, 1909.  
 \*Poole, Wm. F., LL. D., Librarian from October 25, 1873, to August 1, 1887.  
 \*Hild, Frederick H., Librarian from October 15, 1887, to April 30, 1909.  
 Roden, Carl B., Acting Librarian from May 1, 1909, to October 11, 1909.  
 \*Legler, Henry E., Librarian from October 11, 1909, to September 13, 1917.  
 Roden, Carl B., Librarian since March 11, 1918.
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- \*Deceased.



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TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

*Gentlemen:* The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library presents herewith its annual report of the activities and progress of the Library for the year ending May 31, 1918, in which are embodied the reports of the Secretary and the Librarian covering the same period.

The overshadowing event of the year was the death, in September, of our eminent Librarian, Henry E. Legler. Coming to Chicago nine years ago as the result of a civil service examination that attracted national attention, he gave the Library the full strength and measure of his talents and raised it, in the few years of his activity, to heights of efficiency and excellence of service which made it one of the most prominent and successful among the great public libraries of the country. To this task he gave of his best and finally sacrificed himself. He has left behind him a heritage of ideals, partially crystallized into concrete projects, which must guide and condition the policies of this Board for many years to come. Much progress has already been made in the realization of his plans, and the wisdom and foresight that inspired him are in process of being amply justified as step by step those plans are developed.

The vacancy caused by his untimely death was filled in strict accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Civil Service Law. An examination was called by the Municipal Civil Service Commission which librarians from all parts of the country were invited to enter. It resulted, on March 7th, in the designation of Carl B. Roden, formerly our Assistant Librarian, and acting librarian during the period of the vacancy, as the successful candidate, and on March 11th he was duly appointed by this Board and is now serving as Librarian.

Among the important developments of the year were the acquisition of a site for the first Regional Branch and the preparations for the erection of the building, and the large and varied participation of the Library in numerous forms of war work.

It is with especial pleasure that the Board records the steps that have been taken towards the consummation of the Regional Plan for Branches as set forth in its report a year ago. After much careful deliberation the Board authorized the purchase of a site comprising a frontage of 258 feet, with a depth of 97 feet, on Crawford Avenue extending from Monroe Street to Wilcox Avenue. On this fine property, situated in the very heart of the great and rapidly growing West Side, it is proposed to erect the first Regional Branch which, by resolution passed by the Board in October, is to be named the Henry E. Legler Regional Branch. An eminent and competent architect has been selected who is at present engaged in preparing plans for a library building intended to serve this immense community as a central repository and distributing point and to control and supply the large group of auxiliary branches now scattered over the district or to be installed in the future. In population, industries and wealth the West Side constitutes a city in itself comparable in size to municipalities of the class of Detroit, Cleveland or Pittsburgh. The new branch, which will be located five miles directly west of the Central Library, will, therefore, in many respects be called upon to render service similar to that of an independent institution in one of the larger cities. The building will be carefully planned with such responsibilities in mind, and in exterior as well as in interior, arrangements, contents and functions, it will be designed to reflect the dignity, command the respect and serve the needs of its great constituency. It is hoped that building operations may be commenced before the end of the present summer and that the building will be finished within twelve months. The only contingency that might intervene to postpone this important undertaking would be an adverse decision of the authorities on the application for a permit to erect the building at this time, to which the Board would, of course, conform loyally and as in duty bound.

Since the entry of the nation into the great war the Public Library has found many opportunities for added usefulness, none of which it has willingly foregone, and has assumed many new duties, all of which it has performed with credit to itself and with results at once gratifying and effective. Briefly summarized these are as follows:

At its first meeting following the declaration of war the Board of Directors by resolution made a formal tender of the building, resources and equipment of the Library to the United States Government "for any purpose or use deemed necessary and proper in the present crisis."

It was further ordered that \$2,500 be set aside from the Book Fund for the purchase of drill manuals and other books on military organization and instruction in such quantities as may be found to be necessary.

Appeals to the public for contributions of books for the military and naval camp libraries and the armies in the field were begun in April, 1917, this Library being among the very first to inaugurate this work. Up to the present time more than 300,000 volumes have been received, sorted, prepared for use and distributed among the various camps. When the American Library Association, the national organization of librarians, initiated a campaign on countrywide lines, under direction of the Librarian of Congress, the Chicago Public Library became the central collecting station for the Middle West. It is interesting to add that all of the necessary work of sorting, cataloging and shipping this large accumulation of books is done with but little additional expense to the Library, being contributed by employees of this and other Chicago libraries after working hours and on holidays as their part in volunteer war work.

Contributions were received at the Main Library and all branches for the million dollar Library War Fund.

Scrap books were offered to the public to be filled with bright pictures and suitable reading matter for sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals at home or abroad. Six thousand were made and delivered to the proper authorities, after which this work was discontinued.

At the request of the American Library Association War Service Committee the Acting Librarian assumed general supervision of the erection of library buildings and the organization of thoroughly equipped libraries at Camp Grant and Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

By order of the Board the expert services of the Chief of Branches were placed at the disposal of the Library War Service Committee for the installation and general management of the libraries above described.

Special efforts were made by means of bulletins, posters and exhibits to call attention to the pamphlets, proclamations and other publications of the U. S. Government relating to matters of urgent public interest. The fullest co-operation was arranged with the Food Administration, Council of National Defense and other similar agencies. Literature issued by them was promptly made available and, where possible, was secured in sufficient quantities for free distribution. A member of the staff familiar with this work was assigned to attend and address meetings of clubs and other bodies interested in food conservation and similar topics. A Library-Food-Gardening Exhibit was installed in the Library Building.

Space was freely granted in the Main Library and various branches for the registration of women, for the work of the draft exemption boards and for the display of official posters or proclamations.

The Collegiate Periodical League was invited to make the Public Library the headquarters for its activities in the collection and distribution of current periodicals for soldiers and sailors in Camp Grant and Great Lakes.

A Red Cross Chapter with a membership of 45 was organized among the women of the staff, with weekly sessions, after service hours, in the Library Building.

Opportunity was given to official solicitors to address assemblies of the staff in behalf of the Liberty loans. Practically all employees are enrolled as subscribers.

Three hundred thousand printed slips, issued by the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee, appealing for subscriptions to the second loan, were distributed in library books to borrowers during October.

In the campaign for funds for Camp Recreation Activities the employees of the Library were represented by a hundred per cent subscription.

Space was granted in the Library Building for a rest room and canteen for soldiers and sailors on furlough in the city, under the management of a committee of the Chicago Woman's Club.

A service flag with twenty stars was purchased by the Board and hangs in the rotunda of the Circulation Department.

For the first time in many years the Library has, during the past twelve months, enjoyed an income measurably proportionate to its requirements. As a result of legislative action, described in the report for the preceding year, our revenue has at last been placed upon a sound and dependable basis, and it was possible to make appropriations for the current year adequate to current needs. The Board, however, has not deemed it wise to apply all of the increase in funds to the development of present activities, but has determined to set aside a part thereof, each year, as a building reserve. It was thus that the inception of the West Side Regional Branch was made possible, and only thus will it be within our power to carry out the whole plan of branch extension to which we have committed ourselves. Meanwhile it is reasonable to count upon a slight increase in the annual proceeds of the Library tax, which will not only enable the Board to meet the natural upward trend in current expenses, but, as well, to adhere to the policy of reserving a portion to provide for buildings in course of erection or in prospect.

In this connection it is gratifying to state that, in strict accord with the pledge made in the report of this Board a year ago, the

policy of turning over to the employees' pension fund all moneys received from book borrowers' fines was resumed on June 1, 1917. Under the pressure of necessity it was imperative to incorporate the receipts from this source into the budget for 1917, but, as was clearly stated at that time, this action was taken reluctantly only and was not to be regarded as a precedent. As soon, therefore, as it became evident that under the amended revenue law our regular income would suffice for our expenditures, the Board promptly ordered that all moneys derived as indicated above be again paid over to the pension fund. This fund is still far from self-supporting, and it is entirely proper and justifiable upon clear business principles as well as from motives of human welfare that such contribution as it is possible to make legally from moneys under the control of the Board be employed for the strengthening of the retirement fund for our own employees.

Guided by similar considerations for the welfare of its staff, the Board was pleased to be able to place the scale of salaries upon a revised basis involving a substantial increase. The heavy increase in the cost of living and the attractive offers made to many of our employees to take positions made vacant in commercial fields by the national need combined to cause the resignation of many persons whom we were unable to retain at the salaries formerly paid. On both counts, therefore, it seemed justifiable and necessary to revise the salary schedule to the end that these conditions might be met, at least to some extent. This was done by means of a horizontal advance covering the entire pay roll.

Twenty of our young men have joined the national forces and as many more of our young women have left us for the service of the government in lines in which their library training had rendered them expert. These drafts upon our staff have been inevitable and we have cheerfully arranged to meet them. Competition from the business world, however, we must deal with upon a business basis, by increasing the inducements for remaining in our service, so far as that is possible.

On March 21, 1918, the City Council passed an order repealing its own action in transferring the Municipal Reference Library in the City Hall to the control of the Chicago Public Library. This action solved a problem involving, among other perplexities, a conflict of jurisdiction as to salaries which was becoming acute. While we are not inclined to deny that theoretically all municipal library activities, however specialized, should be a part of, and directed by, the Public Library system, we regard the Council action referred to as a necessary preliminary step to such a consummation, by way of clearing the air of the technical complications which thus far have clouded the relations of the two institutions to the detriment of both.



In general the condition and progress of the Library during the past year have been highly satisfactory, as the following reports exhibiting the work done in all departments will show. While there has been some decrease in the use of the Library in certain directions, the aggregate shows a gratifying, even a remarkable gain in service rendered so far as that can be measured by statistics. With a seriously depleted staff, and under most unusual conditions entailed by the severe winter, the fuel shortage and the delays in receiving great quantities of books urgently needed because of the congestion of freight shipments—together with a large decrease in our reading population through enlistments and other war activities, the Public Library has more than held its own in serving the community, in enlarging the sphere of its influence and in meeting unforeseen and unprecedented conditions growing out of the national emergency. Much credit is due to the staff, individually and collectively, for its loyalty and devotion to the interests of the Library. Without these the new problems and responsibilities of the past year would have proven well-nigh insurmountable. With them we face the future in full confidence that the great institution entrusted to our care will be equal to all demands that the future may make upon it.

The personnel of the Board of Directors was almost completely changed by the appointment, in October, of seven new members. One member was reappointed and one is now serving the last year of his term which, with that of two of the new appointees, will expire in June. It seems proper to note that during the whole year not one meeting has failed for want of a quorum, that all members have been present at all meetings save when prevented by urgent necessity, and that complete harmony and interest in the welfare of the Chicago Public Library has characterized the whole period of our associated activity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED E. BARR, *President*  
JAMES J. HEALY, *Vice-President*  
RICHARD G. SHUTTER  
CHAS. E. SCHICK  
EDGAR A. JONAS  
SAMUEL GESSLER  
CARL O. BERO TH  
FRANK F. TOLLKUEHN  
LAWRENCE CUNEO,  
*Board of Directors*

Chicago, 24th of June, 1918.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Public Library,  
Chicago, June 24, 1918.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Gentlemen:* As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1918:

## PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1918

<i>Receipts</i>		
Taxes 1914, and prior.....	\$ 2,060.81	
Taxes 1915 .....	15,259.97	
Sale 1916 tax warrants.....	20,000.00	
Taxes 1916, collected June 1, to Dec. 31, 1917.....	\$274,294.27	
Less: Tax warrants, 1916, redeemed.....	20,000.00	254,294.27
Sale 1917 tax warrants.....		306,000.00
Taxes, 1917, collected Jan. 1 to May 31, 1918.....	\$342,857.13	
Less: Tax warrants, 1917, redeemed.....	306,000.00	36,857.13
Interest on cash in hands of City Treasurer.....		631.04
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Sale of finding lists.....	\$ 371.32	
Books lost and paid for.....	2,527.29	
Miscellaneous .....	1,938.35	4,836.96
Unclaimed wages .....		10.96
Pay roll adjustment Feb. 25, 1917.....		1.00
		\$639,952.14
Fines for retention of books, June 1, 1917, to May 31, 1918 (paid to pension fund <i>see</i> disbursements) .....		24,688.99
		\$664,641.13
Security deposits:		
Deposits for library cards and books.....	\$ 3,714.05	
Deposits refunded.....	3,635.05	79.00
Total receipts during year.....		\$664,720.13
Funds, June 1, 1917:		
Balance cash in hands City Treasurer.....		12,396.49
Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary.....		1,790.00
		\$678,906.62

*Disbursements*

Salaries, main library .....	\$243,687.83
Salaries, branches .....	125,758.13
Salaries, delivery stations and deposits.....	12,697.57
Delivery stations, miscellaneous.....	7,224.28
Branches .....	16,192.20
Books .....	97,310.06
Binding .....	38,808.93
Finding lists .....	3,065.88
Printing and stationery.....	9,595.11
Periodicals .....	11,650.19
Miscellaneous .....	4,997.46
Fuel .....	19,390.40
Heating and generating plant.....	2,258.44
Electrical supplies and repairs.....	1,565.02
Elevator supplies and repairs.....	184.93
Janitors expense .....	1,361.38
Furniture and fixtures.....	7,317.01
Insurance .....	3,076.16
Freight and expressage.....	178.22
Postage .....	3,211.49
Books lost and paid for—refunds.....	289.76
Repairs, alterations and improvements.....	6,908.09
Branch buildings .....	33,375.00
Interest on 1916 and 1917 tax warrants.....	1,885.97
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$651,989.51</b>

## Pension fund:

Fines paid into pension fund June 1, 1917, to May 31, 1918.....	24,688.99
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\$676,678.50

## Funds, May 31, 1918:

Cash in hands City Treasurer.....	359.12
Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary.....	1,869.00

\$678,906.62*Miscellaneous Funds*

## RENTAL COLLECTION:

Balance, June 1, 1917.....	\$ 951.56
Fees for loan of books.....	1,992.74

\$ 2,944.30

Books purchased .....	\$ 1,651.30
Balance, May 31, 1918.....	1,293.00

2,944.30

## Insurance fund:

Balance, June 1, 1917.....	\$ 60.00
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Books purchased .....	\$ 60.00
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TRUST FUNDS

*Cash Receipts and Disbursements*

KELLY FUND INCOME:

Balance, June 1, 1917.....	\$	704.78
Income on investments.....		40.02
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Transferred to Kelly branch fund.....	\$	744.80

KELLY BRANCH LIBRARY FUND:

Balance, June 1, 1917.....	\$	400.18
Income from investments.....		10,733.88
Transferred from Kelly fund income.....		744.80
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		\$ 11,878.86
Books .....	\$1,332.68	
Periodicals .....	289.60	
Binding .....	517.88	
Salaries .....	7,831.75	
Heat and light.....	1,217.68	
Improvements .....	457.10	
Miscellaneous .....	85.42	\$ 11,732.11
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Balance May 31, 1918.....	146.75	11,878.86

RYDER FUND INCOME:

Balance, June 1, 1917.....	\$	180.87
Income from investments.....		406.47
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		\$ 587.34
Books .....	\$ 496.45	
Balance, May 31, 1918.....	90.89	587.34

BEECHER FUND INCOME:

Balance, June 1, 1917.....	\$	107.29
Income from investments.....		86.23
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		\$ 193.52
Music books .....	\$ 193.52	

JACKSON FUND INCOME:

Balance, June 1, 1917.....	\$	80.24
Income from investments.....		52.27
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		\$ 132.51
Balance, May 31, 1918.....	\$ 132.51	

## SUMMARY OF BALANCES

May 31, 1918

## MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS:

Rental collection fund.....	\$ 1,293.00
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## TRUST FUNDS—INCOME:

Kelly branch .....	\$ 146.75	
Ryder fund .....	90.89	
Jackson fund .....	132.51	
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		370.15
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		\$ 1,663.15

*Cash Reconciliation*

Incidental fund .....	\$ 500.00	
Less: Incidental fund not reimbursed by		
City Treasurer .....	499.96	\$ .04
Rental collection .....		1,293.00
Security deposits .....		1,269.00
Special deposits .....		100.00
Trust funds income.....		370.15
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Cash on hand and in banks as per library books		\$ 3,032.19

*Trust Funds and Investments*

## TRUST FUNDS:

Hiram Kelly bequest.....	\$200,000.00	
Wm. H. Ryder bequest.....	10,000.00	
Jerome Beecher bequest.....	2,000.00	
H. W. Jackson bequest.....	1,000.00	
Hiram Kelly increment.....	65,000.00	
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		\$278,000.00

## INVESTMENTS:

Municipal bonds as per list attached (par		
value \$278,000.00) .....	\$277,411.76	
Certificate of deposit No. D10976.....	588.24	
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		\$278,000.00

*Public Library Fund*

Balance in hands City Treasurer May 31, 1918.....	\$ 359.12
Taxes 1916, collectible.....	62,285.12
Taxes, 1917, collectible.....	507,510.71
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	\$570.154.95

## LIST OF SECURITIES

No. of Bonds	Description	Rate	Matu- rity	Denomi- nation	Par Value
7	Lincoln Park, Town of N. Chicago.	4%	1925	\$1,000	\$ 7,000.00
39	Lincoln Park, Town of Lake View.	4%	1923	1,000	39,000.00
2	Lincoln Park Commissioners	4%	1931	1,000	2,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.	4%	1927	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.	4%	1928	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.	4%	1929	1,000	15,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1924	1,000	5,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1925	1,000	5,000.00
8	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1926	1,000	8,000.00
1	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1927	1,000	1,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago.	4%	1919	1,000	1,000.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago.	4%	1919	1,000	3,000.00
6	Sanitary District of Chicago.	4%	1920	1,000	6,000.00
7	Sanitary District of Chicago.	4%	1922	1,000	7,000.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago.	4%	1923	1,000	3,000.00
16	Sanitary District of Chicago.	4%	1926	1,000	16,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago.	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
15	Sanitary District of Chicago.	4%	1930	1,000	15,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.	4%	1919	1,000	4,000.00
3	South Park Commissioners.	4%	1919	1,000	3,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.	4%	1921	1,000	4,000.00
27	South Park Commissioners.	4%	1923	1,000	27,000.00
5	South Park Commissioners.	4%	1923	1,000	5,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.	4%	1930	1,000	4,000.00
10	South Park Commissioners.	4%	1931	1,000	10,000.00
7	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1919	1,000	7,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1919	1,000	1,000.00
5	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1920	1,000	5,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1920	1,000	1,000.00
10	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1921	1,000	10,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1921	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
4	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1923	1,000	4,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1924	1,000	8,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1927	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.	4%	1930	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Chicago Park Commissioners.	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Chicago Park	4%	1925	1,000	1,000.00
3	School District No. 39, Cook County.	4%	1922	500	1,500.00
1	Central Pacific Railway Co.	4%	1949	500	500.00
1	North Shore Electric Co.	5%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
5	United States Third Liberty Loan.	4½%	1928	1,000	5,000.00
	Certificate of deposit, No. D10976.		....	....	588.24

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 \$278,588.24

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
The Chicago Public Library.

*Gentlemen*—We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the year ended May 31, 1918, and find them to be correct.

We were permitted by the City Treasurer's office to examine the library account in the books of the city, and we found that the receipts of the interest, taxes, etc., entered therein agreed with the receipts in the library books.

In company with two of the directors and the secretary we inspected the securities representing the various investments, all of which were produced by us.

We also examined the foregoing statements and compared them with the books, vouchers and securities, and we certify them to be correct.

Yours very truly,

UNITED STATES AUDIT COMPANY,  
WHITNEY B. FLERSHEM, *Certified Public Accountant.*

### BOOKS

Number of books in library June 1, 1917.....	806,172
Number of books purchased the past year.....	112,857
Number of books donated the past year.....	6,759
Number of books received from other sources.....	3,696
Total number of books added past year.....	123,312
Number of books worn out the past year.....	34,437
Number of books lost and paid for.....	2,614
Number of books delinquent, 1916-17.....	1,169
Number of books missing, 1916-17.....	8,842
Books found and money refunded.....	252
Duplicate books disposed of, 1917-18.....	108
Total number of books subtracted past year...	46,918
Total net additions the past year.....	76,394
Total number of volumes in library June 1, 1918...	882,566
Total number of volumes unaccounted for in inventory of 1918.....	14,457

State of Illinois }  
County of Cook } ss.

I, H. G. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. WILSON.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 24th day of June, 1918.

JAMES BUGGIE,  
*Notary Public.*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
The Chicago Public Library.

*Gentlemen:* I have the honor to present the forty-sixth annual report of the work of the Chicago Public Library, covering the fiscal year beginning June 1st, 1917, and ending May 31st, 1918.

On September 13th, 1917, occurred the untimely and deeply mourned passing of the late Librarian Henry E. Legler, whose administration, covering the eight years since the tenth of October, 1909, raised the Library to a height of efficiency and activity which it will be the chief and absorbing task of his successor to maintain. By the wide extension of existing facilities and the skilful introduction of new methods and expedients he brought the institution, in these few years, to a point of greatly enhanced usefulness in this community, and to the very front rank among American public libraries. His tireless energy and great organizing ability, illumined by an enthusiasm that knew no bounds, combined in plans for developments on a large and comprehensive scale of which he was destined to see but the smallest beginnings. The completion of those plans is the task to which we have definitely committed ourselves. I cannot begin this report without recording, first of all, my deep sense of the loss which the Chicago Public Library suffered by the death of the Chief Librarian, and, secondly, a realization, I trust not too inadequate, of the magnitude of the responsibilities that confront me.

### THE WORK OF THE LIBRARY

#### Home circulation:

Central library.....	829,148
42 Branches .....	3,457,925
6 High school libraries.....	239,672
59 Traveling libraries.....	948,034
72 Deposit stations.....	305,102
1,015 School room deposits.....	417,952
65 Delivery stations .....	382,421
42 Delivery stations in branches.....	143,816

Total Agencies 1,260—Total Circulation .....6,724,070  
Daily average circulation..... 22,192

#### Registered card holders:

General .....	211,171
Local .....	61,006
Industrial deposits .....	29,601
Schools .....	49,000
Total .....	350,778



Carried forward by the momentum of the administration thus closed, progress in all departments during the past year has been satisfactory. Despite the abnormal conditions incident to the state of war the total home use of books increased 1,121,264 or twenty per cent over the previous year, an astonishing gain in view of the fact that very few new circulating centers of any size were added to those in operation a year ago. Analysis of the figures reveals some interesting sidelights on the effects of war on library patronage. Home use of books from the Central Library, patronized largely by persons employed in the adjacent business districts, increased from 796,581 in 1916-17 to 829,148, or four per cent. This is considerably less than the normal annual gain in normal times but is easily accounted for when considered in relation to the great number of young men withdrawn from their ordinary pursuits into the service of the country; by the variety of war activities engrossing the leisure of many others, both men and women, and by added duties imposed through the general shortage of help in all commercial and industrial fields. Positive reasons for gratification may be deduced from the fact that the temporary preoccupation of the younger business men with the business of the nation makes itself felt so clearly in the records of library use. It is just this class, which we have been most anxious to reach, that, as now appears, has formed a large part of our Central Library patronage. There is a most significant parallel between the percentage of decrease noted in various parts of this report and the ratio of enlistments to the total of Chicago's population.

The greatest gain in home reading is shown in the branch libraries and other extra-mural agencies. Although only three new branches have been opened, all within the latter half of the year, the circulation of books from the collections in the branches themselves was 3,697,597 volumes, as against 2,933,619 for the previous year with additional loans from the main collections through the Delivery Station service of 143,816 volumes as against 158,888 in 1916-17. The accompanying table of branch circulation indicates the relation of book use to the total number of books owned by each branch. In some instances this reaches the ratio of twenty to one. Throughout it indicates the industry and zeal of the branch staff as well as the efficiency of book selection with reference to local needs.

The branches, of which there are forty-two, besides the six high school libraries, commanding a staff of 256 persons, form the largest single division of the library service. Considerably more than one-half the total circulation is accomplished through them, although many are small and clearly inadequate to the demands made upon them. In his annual summary the Chief of the Branch Division emphatically declares that "the greatest use of the library is through its rented branches; next come those

in buildings of their own. The branches located in the small parks, schools, and institutional houses are not so satisfactory, and seem to have many limitations. A few of these places fluctuate because of local conditions or a special drive, but the first mentioned seem to appeal to the greater variety of patronage. The use of the books in these places bears out this fact." There can be no doubt of the truth of this conclusion, which carries with it a direct vindication of the policy of the late Chief Librarian in establishing numerous small branches in rented quarters on main-traveled streets rather than to strive or wait for a chain of branches in specially planned and costly buildings. When his plans for Regional Branches shall have been carried out Chicago may, therefore, look forward to as complete and comprehensive a system of localized library service as it is possible to secure.

An important step toward this goal has been taken in the purchase of a beautiful site and the employment of an architect to prepare plans for the first Regional Branch, more fully dealt with in the report of the Board of Directors. It is to be hoped that these plans may be proceeded with at the earliest moment. Certainly the need for a large and well equipped central repository on the West Side to re-enforce and co-ordinate the numerous library activities in that enormous section of the city is most urgent.

Three new branches were added during the year, as follows :

Rogers Park, January 1, 1918.....3,000 vols.  
Shedd Park, February 8, 1918.....1,800 vols.  
McKinley Park, April 26, 1918....2,000 vols.

A fourth branch authorized by the Board in May will be opened in rented quarters at 4021 W. North Avenue on or about July first.

The six high school libraries report a total circulation of 239,672 volumes as against 146,609 in 1916-17. "This, of course," says the Chief of Branches, "is the item of least value in the high school libraries. The individual work with the students and co-operation with the faculties of the high schools is what counts more than anything else. The administration of Public Library experts has ceased to be a novelty and faculty and students alike appreciate the wonderful service that is being rendered. The librarians are regarded as part of the faculty, are expected to attend teachers' meetings, and thus become familiar with all that is going on from the school point of view. They have contributed to all the activities, including those in relation to the war: Food conservation, liberty loan, war saving stamps, Red Cross, book drive, and in this connection have made many special posters and bulletins."

Among the most immediate and urgent of our tasks is that of installing libraries in each of the remaining seventeen high schools, and no effort will be spared to bring this about in the shortest possible time.

The branches were open on every day of the year except Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Sundays between June 1 and September 30. They were closed on September 13, the day of the funeral of the late Librarian. During the period of fuel shortage and heavy snow storms branch service was necessarily curtailed or interrupted in many parts of the city.

			No. of Vols. in	
	Direct	Stations	Total	Branch
Armour Square.....	31,541	3,267	34,808	2,930
Austin .....	140,819	3,927	144,746	10,947
Bessemer Park.....	53,482	2,860	56,342	3,727
Blackstone .....	119,394	4,606	124,000	18,430
Burr School.....	63,223	2,097	65,320	5,452
Cornell Square.....	42,284	1,135	43,419	3,122
Davis Square.....	21,104	722	21,826	2,558
Douglas Park.....	228,409	14,417	242,826	10,794
Dvorak Park.....	63,534	1,440	64,974	3,354
Eckhart Park.....	71,745	3,722	75,467	4,505
Forestville School.....	30,801	1,001	31,802	2,256
Fuller Park.....	56,042	1,976	58,018	5,169
Hamilton Park.....	86,070	3,044	89,114	5,310
Hamlin Park.....	60,588	1,275	61,863	5,011
Hardin Square.....	50,526	2,118	52,644	4,079
Hebrew Institute.....	115,066	10,294	125,630	8,148
Holstein Park.....	68,254	1,540	69,794	4,390
Humboldt Park.....	185,487	18,672	204,159	9,417
Independence Park.....	50,820	1,910	52,730	3,238
Kelly .....	176,689	3,794	180,483	14,995
Kosciuszko .....	50,044	984	51,028	2,641
Lewis Institute.....	168,630	9,072	177,702	13,195
Lincoln Center.....	98,015	4,041	102,056	9,485
Logan Square.....	115,427	4,612	120,039	7,588
McKinley Park.....	6,131	19	6,150	1,963
Mark White Square.....	56,547	1,274	57,821	3,311
Morse School.....	57,167	2,968	60,135	3,069
Ogden Park.....	115,160	2,607	117,767	6,350
Palmer Park.....	53,579	1,458	55,037	3,671
Pulaski Park.....	50,610	749	51,359	3,430
Rogers Park.....	41,863	668	42,531	5,108
Scanlan School.....	51,249	661	51,910	3,291
Seward Park.....	75,393	3,977	79,370	4,650
Shedd's Park.....	19,851	822	20,673	2,429
Sheridan Park.....	163,114	3,550	166,664	9,480
Sherman Park.....	77,126	1,454	78,590	4,962
Stanford Park.....	69,772	2,200	71,972	4,900
Stanton Park.....	40,847	1,981	42,828	3,114
Sumner School.....	58,673	2,406	61,079	3,767
Walker .....	39,598	1,093	40,691	6,851
West 26th St.....	115,786	2,535	118,321	7,350
Woodlawn .....	215,329	9,977	225,306	12,377
Stanton special school deposit.....	1,991	.....	1,991	.....
	3,457,925	142,935	3,600,860	250,815

## HIGH SCHOOL BRANCHES

	Direct	Stations	No. of Vols. in	
			Total	Branch
Austin High.....	48,166	.....	48,166	6,227
Englewood High.....	28,239	.....	28,239	6,543
Harrison High.....	52,668	.....	52,668	5,252
Lake View High.....	39,341	.....	39,341	7,101
Marshall High.....	21,786	881	22,667	4,177
Senn High.....	49,472	.....	49,472	5,838
Total .....	239,672	881	240,553	35,138
Grand total.....	3,697,597	143,816	3,841,413	285,953

Among the smaller outposts of the Library the Traveling Libraries show the greatest gain—from 528,439 in 1916-17 to 948,034 in 1917-18. In part this is accounted for by the addition of twelve new installations, which took the place of inadequate and unsatisfactory Delivery Stations, with immediate increase in patronage from the same districts. The substitution of Traveling Libraries for Delivery Stations will be continued until all of the latter are superseded by the more modern and effective form of local service.

From the Deposit Stations, including the thirty-three splendidly effective business house and industrial deposits, a use of 305,102 volumes is reported in contrast with 254,028 volumes for the preceding year, although but four new deposits were opened. This type of library extension should also be increased in number as rapidly as possible. School-room deposits of various sorts now number 1,015, an increase of three over last year, with a circulation of 417,952 as against 343,936 in 1916-17. Further development in this field is limited only by the extent of our resources. Chief among the obstacles impeding the rapid growth of our work with the schools, public, private and parochial, is the want of adequate quarters and storage room for this fruitful activity, which should be, and with very slight effort might be, raised to four times its present proportions.

On the whole, then, it is evident that, while that part of our public which has been called away to other duties has made its absence felt to a marked degree, the use of the Library has greatly increased among the people in their homes. More reading, and more thoughtful reading, is being done in Chicago than ever before. Not only for diversion and instruction, but for inspiration, for courage, for defense against doubt and loneliness and for consolation, those left in the homes are turning more and more to books, and to books of the right sort. To be able to supply this new and poignant demand fully and promptly is a source of added responsibilities as well as of renewed inspiration.

The total home circulation, exclusive of school circulation, but including the branches and deposit collections, is shown in the following table:

1917-1918				1916-1917			
Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Av'ge	Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Av'ge
June.....	25	470,558	18,822	June.....	25	347,052	13,882
July.....	25	443,813	17,753	July.....	24	309,422	12,893
August.....	27	457,861	16,958	August.....	27	336,269	12,454
September...	23	419,427	18,236	September..	25	314,480	12,579
October....	27	534,979	19,814	October....	26	416,121	16,005
November...	25	573,015	22,921	November..	25	482,503	19,300
December...	25	545,703	21,828	December...	25	456,035	18,241
January....	26	584,538	22,482	January....	26	523,112	20,120
February...	22	573,276	26,058	February...	22	499,605	22,709
March.....	26	597,689	22,965	March.....	27	562,019	20,816
April.....	26	584,469	22,480	April.....	25	490,394	19,616
May.....	26	521,390	20,053	May.....	26	521,858	20,071
Total....	303	6,306,118	20,864	Total....	303	5,258,870	17,391

In the Central Library the Circulating Department is open on week days only, from 9 a. m. to 8:30 p. m., and was closed on the usual general holidays, as well as on two half-days proclaimed as local holidays, and on September 13th, the day of the funeral of Henry E. Legler.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION

The classification of the books issued for home reading at the Main Library and through the Delivery Stations, showing the number of volumes and the percentage of each class, is as follows:

	Volumes	Pct.
English prose fiction.....	505,327	37.36
Juvenile literature.....	322,927	23.88
History and biography.....	72,841	05.39
Geography and travels.....	29,277	02.16
Sciences and arts.....	237,513	17.56
Poetry and drama.....	77,075	05.70
Foreign languages.....	58,178	04.30
Miscellaneous .....	49,397	03.65
Total .....	1,352,535	100.00

#### REGISTRATION

During the three years ending May 31, 1918, the statistics of the Registry Department show that 231,439 cards were issued. There were canceled during this period 20,268 cards, leaving the number of live cards outstanding at the close of the year 211,171. Of the total number of cards issued during the

year, 16,870 were applied for at the Main Library and 58,128 at the delivery stations and branches. This is exclusive of local cards issued at the traveling library stations, business house stations, etc., of which there are 139,607, making an aggregate registration of 350,778. There were issued 1,245 teachers' cards, 1,563 vacation cards, 22,673 juvenile cards, 50 research cards, 29 parcel post cards, 2,932 fee duplicate cards, and 1,397 books were issued on deposit. Number of cards lost and replaced by new cards was 9,926.

### DELIVERY STATIONS

The circulation of books for home use through the delivery stations was 526,237, a decrease of 216,894 as compared with last year. The number of delivery stations in operation at the close of the year was 108, of which 43 are in branch libraries. The amount expended for compensation of delivery station keepers and deposit stations was \$12,697.57. As stated elsewhere, this service is rapidly being superseded by deposit stations which show a corresponding gain.

### REFERENCE USE

#### Recorded Issues

	Readers	Volumes
Reference room.....	142,788	349,124
Women's Study room.....	40,989	21,026
Art room.....	11,686	51,689
Civics room.....	66,801	186,539
Patents room.....	16,296	54,802
Bound newspapers.....		5,854
Reading room (periodicals).....	1,077,008	120,509
	<hr/> 1,355,568	<hr/> 789,543

No count was kept at the Central Library, nor at any of the branches, of open shelf books and periodicals used on the premises.

The number of books loaned on interlibrary loans outside of the city was 27.

In the reference or room use of books and periodicals the effects of public preoccupation with war activities and the reduction in the number of students at local universities and professional schools were again clearly manifested. The classification of books used in the Reference Room, so far as recorded, was:

	Volumes	Pct.
Arts and sciences.....	132,549	37.9
History and biography.....	43,720	12.6
Bound periodicals.....	40,683	11.7
Geography and travels.....	23,441	6.7
Language and literature.....	62,314	17.7
All other classes.....	46,417	13.4
Total .....	<hr/> 349,124	<hr/> 100.0

The attendance in the Hughes Room for Young People was 33,732. There were circulated in this room 36,749 books and 23,105 pictures. No record was kept of the number of books used by readers in the room.

There were circulated in the Music Room 9,344 volumes and 20,102 pieces of sheet music.

The number of newspapers and magazines on file in the Reading Room is 1,170.

The amount expended for newspapers and periodicals for branches and reading rooms was \$11,650.19, exclusive of \$289.60 expended for the Kelly Branch out of the Kelly Branch Fund.

In the Civics Room the 66,801 patrons consulted 17,954 public documents, 25,445 periodicals, 30,445 directories, 101,010 pamphlets, 7,594 books and 1,698 maps. From the circulating document collection 3,609 volumes were issued, and 1,132 package libraries were made up for schools, clubs and individuals. Much intensive reference work is done in this division that is not reducible to statistics but is of the highest importance in the year's work.

The collection of books for the blind now numbers 1,789 volumes, comprising 780 volumes in Braille Print, 658 in Moon Type, 228 volumes in American Line and 123 volumes in New York Point. Twenty-five volumes were added during the year. There were circulated for home use 6,955 volumes; 150 volumes were used at the Main Library.

#### GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

The number of volumes in the library on May 31, 1918, was 882,566, a net increase of 76,394 over the number reported at the close of last year. The gross accessions of the year numbered 123,312 volumes. Of these 112,857 were purchased, 6,759 were donated, 1,475 were acquired by binding periodicals, 120 by binding reports and pamphlets, 36 were taken from the duplicate room, 59 were received in exchange and 358 were books which had been lost and recovered, or missing in previous years and now recovered and re-accessioned; 84 were replaced by borrowers or guarantors, and 1,564 were transferred from rental to free collection.

There were deducted from the total number of volumes in the library during the past year the following items: Books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 34,437; books lost and paid for, 2,614; books unaccounted for in the annual inventory of 1916-17, 8,842; books not recovered from delinquent borrowers in 1916-17, 1,169. Of the books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 17,047 were English prose fiction, 4,742 were juvenile books, 894 were books in foreign languages, and 11,754 in all other classes.

The entire amount expended for books from all funds was \$101,044.01, which includes purchases for branch libraries and reading rooms.

Cost of books.....	\$101,044.01
Cost of periodicals.....	11,939.79
Cost of binding.....	39,326.81
Number of books accessioned.....	123,312
Number of pamphlets accessioned.....	45,275

During the year 25,207 volumes (including music) were cataloged and classified. Of these 5,343 were new titles, 875 were recataloged, 2,723 were additions, corrections, etc., and 15,207 were replacements, extra copies and continuations.

There were added to the public card catalog 27,106 cards, of which 7,170 were subject cards, 13,082 author and title cards, and 6,854 additions and corrections; 17,211 cards, including foreign deposits, were added to the official card catalog; 2,402 cards were filed in the music catalog, of which 172 were additions and corrections. There was no record kept of cards filed in six departmental catalogs in the main library.

There were ordered from the Library of Congress for the main library 4,335 titles and 3,496 were received; 23,491 titles were ordered for the branches department and 19,036 were received; 2,523 titles (22,095 copies) and 19 lists (3,295 copies) were multigraphed.

Publications issued during the year comprised the Book Bulletin, of which 6,500 copies were issued monthly except during July and August, the annual cumulation of the Bulletin, "Books of 1917", and a complete catalog of Russian books which has been received with approval by the local readers of that language. There is urgent need for the compilation of numerous other lists, which should be prepared with all requisite care and bibliographical knowledge in order adequately to describe our various important special collections that are now practically unknown to students. An Editor of Publications is a much needed addition to the staff, calling for literary and bibliographical training of a high order.

The number of volumes sent to binderies during the year was 75,481. Of these 72,852 were newly bound or rebound, and 2,629 were resewed in the old covers. There were repaired in the Binding Department 60,367 books; 5,906 were repaired at the binderies. The books relabeled during the year numbered 22,525 volumes. The amount expended for binding was \$39,326.81.



## ADMINISTRATION

The entire number of persons employed in all departments of the library service May 31, 1918, was 521, an increase of 32 over last year. The payrolls of the main library, branches, delivery stations and traveling libraries amounted to \$382,143.53, exclusive of \$7,831.75 for the Kelly Branch, which was paid out of the Kelly fund.

The call to the service of the country has taken away nineteen of our young men and one young woman (who is now on her way to France as a member of the telephone unit of the Signal Corps). By a ruling of the Civil Service Commission these persons are retained on the roster of employees with indefinite leave of absence "on military service". More than a score of young women have left the Library to enter various branches of government work, largely of a character for which their specialized library experience and training had fitted them. Compensation for the serious disturbance caused in our organization by these latter defections must be derived from the knowledge that we have been able to supply expert help for the important and urgent work of the nation in time of war. On the other hand we have lost a number of pages and other minor employees who have been drawn away by the high wages offered by industrial concerns. The very generous increases in salary recently granted by the Board will place the Library in a position to meet this sort of competition to a certain extent. It will be impossible, however, to keep pace with the constantly rising market price of help in all directions, and the question of holding together a staff competent and adequate to carry on the work of the Library is ever present. Civil Service eligible lists are depleted within a few days of their publication and the resort to temporary appointments, with all their attendant evils, seems to be the only way out of this very real predicament.

## THE LIBRARY BUILDING

On October 9, 1917, the Library completed the twentieth year of its occupancy of the present building. With the normal growth of its collections and the great development of activities, some of which were unforeseen twenty years ago, it is not cause for surprise that the question of space should now become insistent. Very soon it will be necessary to provide more room by completing the wing left unfinished in the original plan, or by removing one or more departments to quarters elsewhere. The erection of the new West Side branch would go far toward providing relief. At all events it is proper to direct attention to this condition at the present time and to keep it in mind in the disposition of building funds.

One other improvement that is at least desirable is the provision of more and better quarters for the staff. In this respect the building has always fallen short of reasonable adequacy. The present wardrobe and lunch rooms are inexpressibly dingy and unattractive and have been too small for years. In these days when employees' welfare is enlisting the interest of all intelligent employers a civic institution engaged in public education should not fail to provide reasonable comforts and accommodations for its own workers. The spacious roof of the Library building, swept by the refreshing breezes of the Lake offers splendid opportunity for the construction, at small cost, of roomy and attractive enclosures for this purpose.

### CONCLUSION

In closing I venture to express my own recognition of the whole-hearted co-operation that it has been my privilege to receive from your Honorable Board and from the staff. The past year has been a trying one for all concerned in the welfare of the Chicago Public Library. Opening amid ominous forebodings caused by the serious illness of the Chief Librarian—all too soon realized in his untimely end—these twelve months have been a period of strain and suspense, of perplexity and distraction. That the work and the efficiency of the Library has not suffered under these abnormal and disturbing conditions is due to nothing else than the complete devotion and loyalty of those who did the work. The results shown forth in this report could have been achieved in no other way. The splendid organization built up by Henry E. Legler has stood the severest test. The work described in the foregoing pages was his work, not mine. The momentum imparted by his skill, energy and enthusiasm carried us all through the year though his hand no longer guided us. My own task lies before me and, while acknowledging with deep gratitude the support, confidence and friendship extended to me by the members of this Board on the one hand, and the loyalty, industry and faithful devotion to the interests of the Library exhibited by the staff on the other hand, I am at this moment, with my thoughts all on the future, most concerned as to my own ability to continue to deserve and receive these evidences of your good will and to earn and hold the confidence and respect of the staff and of the great body of our public constituency.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL B. RODEN,

*Librarian.*

Chicago, 24th June, 1918.

## THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CIRCULATION OF BOOKS 1874-1918

Year	Home circulation of books	Daily average circulation	Books issued through Delivery stations	Books issued through branches (direct or station)	Fines collected
1874	7,659	295	.....	.....	\$ 3.65
1875	399,156	1,313	.....	.....	2,648.72
1880	306,751	1,002	.....	.....	1,775.72
1885	519,691	1,704	65,271	.....	3,088.00
1890	843,971	2,830	201,257	.....	4,853.75
1895	1,147,862	3,816	545,866	.....	5,543.88
1900	1,749,775	5,769	1,143,391	.....	7,196.98
1905	1,336,199	4,400	788,657	4,336	6,732.20
1906	1,411,106	4,548	846,802	36,343	7,484.91
1907	1,414,292	4,521	844,415	52,451	8,284.65
1908	1,601,645	5,046	954,000	71,074	8,662.83
1909	1,777,142	5,885	1,129,450	70,486	9,162.63
1910	1,805,012	5,938	1,135,848	184,956	10,151.94
1911	2,256,022	7,397	1,075,376	592,454	12,851.36
1912	2,587,232	8,455	948,815	1,063,740	14,196.22
1913	3,037,035	9,587	883,366	1,396,422	15,359.64
1914	3,428,638	11,261	804,987	1,680,529	16,803.41
1915	4,326,057	14,184	820,227	2,310,701	18,636.64
1916	4,802,432	15,694	771,028	2,614,504	20,911.43
1917	5,602,806	18,491	743,131	3,092,507	22,341.22
1918	6,724,070	22,192	526,237	3,841,413	24,688.99

## BOOK ACCESSIONS 1874-1918

Year	Volumes in library	Total accessions	Volumes purchased	Volumes donated	Expended for books	Books worn out	Accessions of pamphlets
1874	18,183	11,331	9,899	1,432	\$10,733.11	.....	2,638
1875	39,236	21,053	20,122	969	28,410.63	38	1,944
1880	67,772	8,440	7,799	641	7,404.52	1,137	487
1885	111,621	6,836	5,692	1,144	6,899.14	698	3,201
1890	156,242	10,908	10,073	835	11,148.66	3,507	1,635
1895	211,157	18,485	16,727	975	19,431.18	5,595	1,236
1900	258,498	12,911	9,651	1,622	12,476.70	3,905	1,807
1905	304,510	22,879	18,436	2,097	19,884.79	8,002	3,456
1906	323,610	26,236	22,616	1,997	24,013.53	6,365	4,042
1907	339,282	24,987	21,927	1,438	20,078.07	8,303	2,596
1908	352,093	25,843	22,353	1,765	24,262.76	11,466	1,499
1909	365,349	28,197	25,303	1,315	27,064.70	12,900	868
1910	402,848	55,990	51,482	2,693	45,520.85	14,688	132
1911	448,073	58,644	54,504	2,070	46,283.09	10,020	2,022
1912	481,708	50,952	45,834	3,655	43,190.29	10,340	1,944
1913	514,259	47,467	39,035	6,368	38,136.33	9,503	1,734
1914	571,358	78,231	73,228	2,670	65,779.48	21,132	2,805
1915	627,619	75,837	69,305	3,901	61,661.31	12,796	10,251
1916	701,059	100,527	82,158	13,006	72,171.42	15,516	16,184
1917	806,172	140,645	130,929	3,875	112,556.34	24,469	17,109
1918	882,566	123,312	112,857	6,759	101,044.01	34,437	45,275

## CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS

	Vols. in library May 31, 1917	Total ac- cessions 1917-18	Net ac- cessions 1917-18	Vols. in library May 31, 1918
Ancient Classics . . . . .	1,941	60	35	1,976
Bibliography . . . . .	6,579	226	-338	6,241
Biography . . . . .	21,701	1,162	971	22,672
Books for the Blind . . . . .	1,661	16	16	1,677
Documents . . . . .	39,498	5,694	5,694	45,192
English Fiction . . . . .	161,404	35,153	15,394	176,798
Essays and Miscellanies . . . . .	7,678	496	365	8,043
Fine Arts . . . . .	19,056	1,719	646	19,702
Geography and Travels . . . . .	21,992	1,088	165	22,157
History . . . . .	32,501	4,657	3,344	35,845
Juvenile Books . . . . .	177,080	52,237	40,944	218,014
Language and Lit. and C. W.	22,202	1,841	-16	22,186
Law . . . . .	1,826	121	97	1,923
Medicine . . . . .	3,763	764	661	4,424
Mental and Moral Science . . . . .	14,203	1,507	-3,579	10,624
Music (Sheet) . . . . .	10,982	90	67	11,049
Music (Volumes) . . . . .	5,152	137	129	5,281
Music (Pianola) Rolls . . . . .	480	20	20	500
Natural Science . . . . .	17,389	1,461	765	18,154
Periodicals . . . . .	55,955	1,643	1,557	57,513
Poetry and Drama . . . . .	18,896	1,796	1,508	20,404
Political and Social Science . . . . .	26,706	2,797	2,489	29,195
Reference Books . . . . .	10,548	907	771	11,319
Religion . . . . .	12,001	540	137	12,138
Useful Arts . . . . .	41,160	5,164	3,966	45,126
Bohemian Literature . . . . .	5,188	3	-202	4,986
Dutch Literature . . . . .	1,454	2	-4	1,450
French Literature . . . . .	12,870	232	66	12,936
German Literature . . . . .	27,630	26	-487	27,143
Hungarian Literature . . . . .	273	10	-2	271
Italian Literature . . . . .	2,067	45	7	2,074
Japanese and Chinese Lit. . . . .	136	1	1	137
Lettish Literature . . . . .	637	20	18	655
Lithuanian Literature . . . . .	921	13	10	931
Polish Literature . . . . .	4,552	19	-146	4,406
Portuguese Literature . . . . .	44	.....	.....	44
Russian Literature . . . . .	2,802	146	93	2,895
Scandinavian Literature . . . . .	9,498	802	685	10,183
Spanish Literature . . . . .	1,880	21	14	1,894
Welsh Literature . . . . .	8	.....	-80	-72
Yiddish Literature . . . . .	3,834	385	323	4,157
Other Languages . . . . .	23	291	290	313
Total . . . . .	806,172	123,312	76,394	882,566

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

ACCORDING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION

Annual report for year ending May 31, 1918.

Name of library: The Chicago Public Library.

Population served ..... 2,544,249

Terms of use—Free for lending—Free for reference.

Total number of agencies..... 1,260

Consisting of:

Central Library ..... 1

Branches ..... 48

Stations and other agencies..... 1,211

Number of days open during year (Central Library)..... 365

Hours open each week for lending (Central Library)..... 69

Hours open each week for reading (Central Library)..... 87

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year.....	629,092	177,080	806,172
Number of volumes added during year by purchase.....	60,964	51,893	112,857

Number of volumes added during year by gift or exchange (including volumes received from other sources).....	10,293	414	10,707
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during year.....	35,797	11,373	47,170
Total number at end of year.....	664,552	218,014	882,566

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
*Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use..	.....	.....	2,888,409
Total number of volumes lent for home use.....	.....	.....	6,724,070
Number of volumes sent to agencies.....	.....	.....	562,237

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of borrowers registered during year.....	52,325	22,673	74,998
Total number of registered borrowers (general and local) .....	.....	.....	350,778
Registration period, years.....	.....	.....	3

	Titles	Copies
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received.....	826	1,170
Number of persons using Library for reading and study (Total figures of attendance in reading rooms).....	.....	1,355,568

## RECEIPTS FROM

Local taxation.....\$634,472.18

State grants.....

Endowment funds..... 12,792.23

Membership fees.....

Fines and sales of publications ..... 25,060.31

Duplicate pay collection..... 2,944.30

Other sources..... 19,434.13

Total .....\$694,703.15

## PAYMENTS FOR

Maintenance:

Books .....\$101,044.01

Periodicals ..... 11,939.79

Binding ..... 39,326.81

Salaries, library service } 389,975.26

Salaries, janitor service }

Rent ..... 13,050.00

Heat ..... } 24,431.54

Light ..... }

Other maintenance ... 86,355.46

Fines paid to Pension fund ..... 24,688.99

Balance ..... 3,891.27

Total .....\$694,703.15

\*From Central Library, branches and stations only. Classified figures from deposits, school deposits and traveling libraries not available at this time

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1918-1919

	Expiration of Term
ALFRED E. BARR, <i>President</i> .....	1921
JAMES J. HEALY, <i>Vice-President</i> .....	1919
R. G. SHUTTER .....	1920
CHARLES E. SCHICK .....	1920
EDGAR A. JONAS .....	1920
SAMUEL GESSLER .....	1919
CARL O. BEROETH .....	1919
FRANK F. TOLLKUEHN .....	1921
LAWRENCE CUNEO .....	1921

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HARRY G. WILSON, *Secretary to the Board*.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

1918-1919

*Library*—Directors Jonas, Beroth and Shutter.

*Administration*—Directors Shutter, Tollkuehn and Healy.

*Buildings and Grounds*—Directors Schick, Healy and Gessler.

# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

APRIL 11, 1872, TO JULY 1, 1919

## WITH THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE

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- Allen, James Lane, 1880-82.
  - \*Anthony, Elliott, 1872-77.
  - \*Armstrong, Geo. B., 1881-82; 1908-11.
  - Barr, Alfred E., 1899; 1916-21.
  - Beebe, Wm. H., 1887-89.
  - Beroth, Carl O., 1917-19.
  - \*Billings, Albert M., 1875-78.
  - \*Blodgett, Edward A., 1908-10.
  - Bowers, James F., 1901-08.
  - Bradley, J. Harley, 1887.
  - Breyer, Charles C., 1913-17.
  - \*Brine, Geo. J., 1886-87.
  - \*Brosseau, Z. P., 1893-96; 1901-07.
  - \*Callaghan, B., 1880-96.
  - Cigrand, B. J., 1903-10.
  - Collins, Michael J., 1912-13.
  - Cuneo, Lawrence, 1917-21.
  - \*Curran, Wm., 1882-83.
  - \*Despres, Samuel, 1903-06; 1912-15.
  - Diener, T. C., 1893-95.
  - \*Dreyer, Edw. S., 1889-95.
  - Eckhart, John W., 1901-07.
  - Egan, Dennis J., 1903-05.
  - \*Enright, John W., 1883-88.
  - \*Forrester, Robert H., 1879-80.
  - \*Frank, Mortimer, 1910-13.
  - Franks, Jacob, 1897-1903.
  - \*Freeman, Henry V., 1910-13.
  - Fyffe, Colin C. H., 1903-05.
  - \*Garibaldi, John G., 1900-02.
  - Gessler, Samuel, 1917-19.
  - \*Gunderson, S. T., 1895-98.
  - \*Hamilton, John B., 1896-98.
  - \*Hatch, Azel F., 1890-93; 1894-1900.
  - \*Hayes, Samuel S., 1872-75.
  - Healy, J. J., 1913-19.
  - Hedenberg, James W., 1895-98.
  - \*Heldmann, Geo. D., 1902-03.
  - Henius, Max, 1911-17.
  - Herhold, Frederick H., 1897-1901.
  - Hirsch, Emil G., 1888-97.
  - \*Hotz, Ferdinand C., 1875-81.
  - \*Hoyne, Thos., 1872-75.
  - Hutchinson, Chas. L., 1898-1901.
  - \*Hynes, Wm. J., 1881-87.
  - Jonas, Edgar A., 1917-20.
  - \*Kadlec, L. W., 1880-89.
  - Kaspar, Wm., 1889-94.
  - Keeley, Thos. F., 1894-97.
  - \*Kent, Wm. D., 1888-89.
  - Ksycki, Philip M., 1911-17.
  - Kuflewski, W. A., 1899-1902.
  - Lagorio, Antonio, 1906-17.
  - Lewke, Otto W., 1897-1900.
  - \*Lindstrand, Frans A., 1903-06.
  - \*Loewenthal, B., 1875-82.
  - \*Lowe, John W., 1902-06.
  - \*McCormick, Robert S., 1895-1901.
  - McDowell, Malcolm, 1913-14.
  - MacMillan, T. C., 1882-87.
  - Mannhardt, Emil, 1885-88.
  - Mason, George, 1874-80.
  - Mayer, Oscar G., 1914-17.
  - Meeker, Arthur, 1900-03.
  - \*Moos, Bernhard, 1887-96.
  - \*Moses, Adolph, 1882-88.
  - Novak, John L., 1905-08.
  - \*Onahan, Wm. J., 1874-81.
  - O'Connell, T. Frank, 1913-17.
  - Peabody, Francis S., 1899-1903.
  - \*Plamondon, Chas. A., 1899-1902.
  - Pokorney, Frank J., 1913-17.
  - \*Queal, Robert F., 1872-76.
  - \*Raster, Hermann, 1872-75.
  - Rawson, Frederick H., 1908-11.
  - \*Rend, Wm. P., 1889-92.
  - Rogers, Henry W., 1883-85.

- \*Rosenthal, Julius, 1872-75.
  - Roulston, Robert J., 1905-13.
  - Rubens, Harry, 1879-85.
  - Ryan, Andrew J., 1898-99.
  - Schick, Charles E., 1917-20.
  - \*Schmidt, Ernst, 1881-82.
  - \*Scranton, Abner R., 1876-79.
  - \*Sheahan, James W., 1872-74.
  - \*Shields, Michael, 1902-03.
  - \*Shorey, Daniel L., 1872-80.
  - \*Shortall, John G., 1886-95.
  - Shutter, R. G., 1917-20.
  - \*Smith, Pliny B., 1888-94.
  - \*Smith, Robert J., 1890-93.
  - Smith, Sidney, 1877-79.
  - \*Smyth, John M., 1892-95.
  - \*Sprague, Otho S. A., 1878-81.
  - Stern, Julius, 1906-12.
  - \*Swazey, Arthur, 1885-87.
  - Taylor, Graham, 1906-12.
  - Tollkuehn, Frank F., 1917-21.
  - Umbdenstock, Michael, 1887-90.
  - \*Van Osdel, John M., 1896-99.
  - \*Wait, Horatio L., 1910-13.
  - \*Walker, J. B., 1875-83.
  - \*Waterman, Arba N., 1908-10.
  - \*Wells, Wm. H., 1882-85.
  - \*Williams, Norman, 1887-89.
  - \*Woodard, Willard, 1872-74.
- \*Sheahan, Jas. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20, 1872.
- \*Wickersham, W. B., Secretary from July 20, 1872, to October 15, 1908.
- Wilson, Harry G., Acting Secretary, October 15, 1908, to March 11, 1909. Secretary since March 11, 1909.
- \*Poole, Wm. F., LL. D., Librarian from October 25, 1873, to August 1, 1887.
- \*Hild, Frederick H., Librarian from October 15, 1887, to April 30, 1909.
- Roden, Carl B., Acting Librarian from May 1, 1909, to October 11, 1909.
- \*Legler, Henry E., Librarian from October 11, 1909, to September 13, 1917.
- Roden, Carl B., Librarian since March 11, 1918.
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- \*Deceased.



**FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library presents herewith its annual report of the activities and progress of the Library for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1919, in which are embodied the reports of the Secretary and Librarian for the same period.

It is our pleasure to report a year of great activity and much real progress. Despite the extraordinary conditions which largely continued throughout the period covered, conditions growing out of the war and, after the armistice, out of the many problems incident to the readjustment processes with which the public is still engrossed, the Library exhibits a state of vigor and prosperity that affords much cause for satisfaction.

The difficulty of securing properly trained help has been the most serious problem we have had to face, and it has been only partially overcome by the introduction into the staff of a large number of temporary employees whose appointment was authorized by the Civil Service Commission as the only possible expedient for keeping the number of persons needed to carry on the work of the Library anywhere near the normal figure. If, as the following reports demonstrate, the work of the institution has kept up a steady increase in volume and effectiveness, it is only just to recognize that such a record has been made possible solely through the self-sacrificing loyalty and untiring zeal of that sadly decimated band of our permanent staff whom no shortage of help could dismay, for whom no task was too arduous, no demands for extra efforts and longer hours too severe, to ensure their continuous and steadfast devotion to duty, without which this annual review would have told a different and much less gratifying story. We can only hope that conditions in industry will improve and that it may soon be possible again to recruit

a complete and efficient permanent staff, properly equipped with experience, education and interest to conduct the affairs of the Library in a thoroughly efficient manner. At the present moment, it must be added, there are few signs of an early return of this desirable condition. Although most of our young men whose absence was indicated by the twenty stars on our service flag have now been returned to civil life, not all of them have chosen to resume their former positions on our staff, though these have been held open for them. Three of our young women are still in France in the service of the American Library Association and the Y. M. C. A. Numerous others have been permanently withdrawn from our service through the superior attractions of commercial and other lines of activity. Meanwhile the Board realizes the necessity of keeping the standard of its staff at the highest possible level, and will not fail to take all possible steps to attain that end.

One year ago we reported that plans were in process of preparation for a new branch library, to be erected on Crawford Avenue at West Monroe Street and Wilcox Avenue, to be known as the Henry E. Legler Regional Branch. We are now able to state that this building is in course of erection. The original program of the Board contemplated the beginning of building operations in the fall of 1918. High prices, government action, and general unfavorable conditions, however, led to a postponement. Early in 1919 investigation showed material improvements in the local building situation, and in March the Board felt justified, all things considered, in taking up the project and carrying it forward. General bids were called for in accordance with the completed plans, and, after the most careful deliberation, it was decided, on March 24th, 1919, to award the contract for the general construction to the Dahl-Stedman Company on its bid of \$184,800. We realize fully that further postponement would have resulted in a still better figure, but, on the other hand, we believed that public opinion would endorse our decision to start this notable public improvement at once, as well because of its value to the city and its urgent need in the expansion of the Library, as for the not unimportant consideration at the time of offering employment to a large number of men in the building trades. We have had many evidences that this belief has been confirmed.

The corner-stone of the new building was laid on Memorial Day, May 30th, 1919, by His Honor the Mayor, at the close of an appropriate program of exercises presided over by the President of the Board and including brief addresses by the Hon. Edgar A. Jonas representing the Board, the Hon. Robert M. Sweitzer on behalf of the West Side, and Mayor Thompson. The occasion called together a large assemblage of spectators, chiefly residents of the West Side, who expressed their pleasure and appreciation of the project. A copper box containing records and

documents pertaining to the building and its purpose was enclosed within the corner-stone. It is entirely safe to say that long before the time for our next annual report arrives, the Henry E. Legler Regional Branch will be an accomplished fact, in full operation, and will thus mark the actual inception of the large program of Library expansion announced by the Board three years ago.

A thorough revision of the By-Laws of the Public Library was undertaken by the Board and completed in March, resulting in a greatly simplified and more efficient body of rules for conducting the affairs of the institution. A compilation of house rules is now being prepared by a committee of department heads for submission to the Board at an early date.

Contributions of the time and services of members of the staff in the Library War Service of the American Library Association were continued as during the previous year, although naturally upon a smaller scale due to the gradual reduction of the national military establishment. One of our young men served as a camp librarian until February 1st of this year. The chief of our Document Division remained in the service of the Food Administration until the conclusion of its work, acting as library publicity director. In this capacity she called forth the highest praise from the officials and earned for the Library an enthusiastic expression of appreciation and many substantial marks of gratitude.

The soldiers' and sailors' canteen maintained in the north corridor of the Library building closed its hospitable activities February 23d. A letter from the chairman of the committee in charge expressed its sincere appreciation and thanks to the Board for the granting of the space and for many acts of courtesy and kindness extended. The Woman's Club also asked permission, which was accorded, to erect a bronze tablet on the wall of the corridor commemorating these activities. This tablet is now in course of completion by an eminent sculptor and will be installed in the near future.

With the suspension of hostilities the task of supplying books to the men in service in this country was transferred from the camps to the hospitals. The two hospitals in Chicago were promptly equipped with A. L. A. libraries, and the Public Library was asked to undertake their administration. This was done by assigning the librarians of our nearest branches to the work of organization and supervision, supplemented by a resident librarian supplied by the A. L. A. War Service. In addition, we have one of our branch librarians on leave of absence on service as librarian in the hospital at Fort Sheridan.

The collection and distribution of books for soldiers and sailors was taken over by the A. L. A. Dispatch Office which was installed in a large vacant store near the Library, the use of which



was generously donated by the owners. Space in the Library building was again freely granted for registration and collection stations for various campaigns and subscriptions in all of which our employees were liberally represented. Special concessions and privileges were given to men in uniform in the use of library books, and large loans were made to the libraries of the surrounding camps as well as to individual officers requiring special accommodations. Arrangements for supplying the numerous local units of the Students' Army Training Corps were in progress when that organization was discontinued. In the service of the nation, as in that of its own immediate constituency, the Library may justly claim to have held its own.

We close the year with every indication of a prosperously active and increasingly useful future before us. Our financial affairs rest upon a firm foundation and our revenue may be expected to remain reasonably proportionate to our normal needs, though the overwhelming possibilities for wider service, limited only by the extent of available resources, would furnish fit employment for almost unlimited funds. Administratively the several departments of the Library show healthy growth and energy. Our thanks are due to the entire staff for loyal service whole-heartedly rendered, often amid serious discouragements and obstacles. Meanwhile our program of expansion, now actually entered upon, will go forward toward ever greater developments under the combined and harmonious co-operation of the Board, its officers, and its capable staff.

During the entire year the Board has held its regular meetings at the appointed time and has performed its duties without interruptions or conflict. One of our members, Mr. Samuel Gessler, has severed his connection with our Board by reason of his appointment to the Board of Education. We deeply regret his departure but feel sure of his continued interest in our affairs and of his aid whenever he can serve us.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

ALFRED E. BARR,  
*President.*

JAMES J. HEALY,  
*Vice-President.*

RICHARD G. SHUTTER

CHAS. E. SCHICK

EDGAR A. JONAS

SAMUEL GESSLER

CARL O. BERO TH

FRANK F. TOLLKUEHN

LAWRENCE CUNEO

*Board of Directors.*

Chicago, June 23, 1919.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Public Library,

Chicago, June 23, 1919.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN: As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1919:

## PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1919

### *Receipts*

Taxes 1915 and prior.....		\$ 2,553.02
Taxes 1916 .....		28,267.83
Taxes 1916 and prior.....		2,565.69
Sale 1917 tax warrants.....		70,000.00
Taxes 1917 collected June 1 to Dec. 31, 1918.....	\$429,611.75	
Less: Tax warrants 1917 redeemed.....	70,000.00	359,611.75
Sale 1918 tax warrants.....		135,000.00
Taxes 1918 collected Jan. 1 to May 31, 1919.....	393,063.45	
Less: Tax warrants 1918 redeemed.....	135,000.00	258,063.45
Interest on funds in hands of City Treasurer.....		646.73
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Sale of finding lists.....	367.45	
Books lost and paid for.....	3,801.88	
Miscellaneous .....	1,911.90	6,081.23
		862,789.70
Fines for retention of books June 1, 1918, to May 31, 1919 (paid to pension fund, <i>see</i> disbursements) .....		29,410.15
		892,199.85
Security deposits:		
Deposits for library cards and books.....	3,830.85	
Deposits refunded .....	3,662.50	168.35
		892,368.20
Funds, June 1, 1918:		
Cash in hands of City Treasurer.....		359.12
Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary.....		1,869.00
		894,596.32

*Disbursements*

Salaries, main library .....	\$273,179.00
Salaries, branches .....	159,460.08
Salaries, delivery stations and deposits .....	12,925.01
Delivery stations, miscellaneous .....	5,599.53
Branches .....	18,957.45
Books .....	121,278.90
Binding .....	40,276.31
Finding lists .....	4,346.51
Printing and stationery .....	10,305.06
Periodicals .....	10,404.02
Miscellaneous .....	4,528.39
Fuel .....	17,970.64
Heating and generating plant.....	1,919.27
Electrical supplies and repairs.....	850.98
Elevator supplies and repairs.....	572.73
Janitors expense .....	1,093.12
Furniture and fixtures .....	6,476.56
Insurance .....	2,454.63
Freight and expressage .....	193.21
Postage .....	3,445.61
Books lost and paid for—refunds.....	349.04
Repairs, alterations and improvements.....	7,980.95
Branch buildings .....	25,027.30
Interest on 1917 and 1918 tax warrants .....	325.49

Total expenditures ..... 729,919.79

## Pension Fund:

Fines paid into pension fund June 1, 1918, to May 31, 1919.....	29,410.15
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759,329.94

## Funds May 31, 1919:

Cash in hands City Treasurer.....	133,229.62
Cash in banks and in hands of Secretary.....	2,037.35

\$894,596.32

*Miscellaneous Funds*

## Rental Collection:

Balance June 1, 1918.....	1,293.00
Fees for loan of books.....	1,802.23

3,095.23

Books purchased .....	947.36
Balance May 31, 1919.....	2,147.87

3,095.23

## Insurance Fund:

Adjustment of fire loss.....	300.00
Books purchased .....	282.35
Balance May 31, 1919.....	17.65

300.00

TRUST FUNDS

*Receipts and Disbursements*

Kelly Branch Library Fund:

Balance, June 1, 1918.....	\$ 146.75
Income from investments .....	10,754.71
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	10,901.46

Books .....	\$ 368.89
Periodicals .....	170.50
Binding .....	164.66
Salaries .....	8,007.55
Heat and light .....	425.82
Improvements .....	383.57
Miscellaneous expense .....	96.56
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	\$ 9,617.55

Balance May 31, 1919.....	1,283.91	10,901.46
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Ryder Fund Income:

Balance June 1, 1918.....	90.89
Income from investments .....	400.09
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	490.98

Books purchased .....	412.83
Balance May 31, 1919.....	78.15
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	490.98

Beecher Fund Income:

Income from investments .....	81.06
Books purchased .....	73.52
Balance May 31, 1919.....	7.54
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	81.06

Jackson Fund Income:

Balance June 1, 1918.....	132.51
Income from investments .....	53.99
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	186.50

Balance May 31, 1919.....	186.50
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SUMMARY OF BALANCES

*May 31, 1919*

Miscellaneous Funds:

Rental collection fund .....	2,147.87
Insurance fund .....	17.65

Trust Funds—Income:

Kelly Branch Fund .....	1,283.91
Ryder fund .....	78.15
Beecher fund .....	7.54
Jackson fund .....	186.50
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	1,556.10

## THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Trust Funds and Investments*

## Trust Funds:

Hiram Kelly bequest .....	\$200,000.00
Wm. H. Ryder bequest .....	10,000.00
Jerome Beecher bequest .....	2,000.00
H. W. Jackson bequest .....	1,000.00
Hiram Kelly increment .....	65,000.00

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 \$278,000.00

## Investments:

Bonds, June 1, 1918.....	277,411.76
Less: bonds matured .....	12,000.00
	<hr/> 265,411.76
Bonds purchased .....	7,416.20
	<hr/> 272,827.96
Bonds, May 31, 1919 (par value, \$273,500.00)....	272,827.96
Certificate of deposit D 11376.....	172.04
Trust funds, capital account, cash in bank.....	5,000.00

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 278,000.00
*Cash Reconcilement*

Incidental fund .....	500.00	
Less: Incidental fund not reimbursed by City Treasurer .....	499.98	.02
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Rental collection .....		2,147.87
Insurance fund .....		17.65
Security deposits .....		1,437.35
Special deposits .....		100.00
Trust funds income .....		1,556.10
Trust funds, capital account, cash in bank .....		5,000.00
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Cash on hand and in banks as per library books..		10,258.99

*Public Library Fund*

Balance in hands of City Treasurer May 31, 1919..	133,229.03
Taxes, 1917, collectible .....	32,765.96
Taxes, 1918, collectible .....	473,147.58

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 639,142.57

LIST OF SECURITIES

No. of Bonds	Description	Rate	Matu- rity	Denomi- nation	Par value
7	Lincoln Park, Town of N. Chicago	4%	1925	\$1,000	\$ 7,000.00
39	Lincoln Park, Town of Lake View	4%	1923	1,000	39,000.00
2	Lincoln Park Commissioners	4%	1931	1,000	2,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall	4%	1927	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall	4%	1928	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall	4%	1929	1,000	15,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding	4½%	1924	1,000	5,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding	4½%	1925	1,000	5,000.00
8	City of Chicago, judgment refunding	4½%	1926	1,000	8,000.00
1	City of Chicago, judgment refunding	4½%	1927	1,000	1,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago	4%	1919	1,000	1,000.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago	4%	1919	1,000	3,000.00
6	Sanitary District of Chicago	4%	1920	1,000	6,000.00
7	Sanitary District of Chicago	4%	1922	1,000	7,000.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago	4%	1923	1,000	3,000.00
16	Sanitary District of Chicago	4%	1926	1,000	16,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
15	Sanitary District of Chicago	4%	1930	1,000	15,000.00
3	South Park Commissioners	4%	1919	1,000	3,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners	4%	1921	1,000	4,000.00
27	South Park Commissioners	4%	1923	1,000	27,000.00
5	South Park Commissioners	4%	1923	1,000	5,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners	4%	1930	1,000	4,000.00
10	South Park Commissioners	4%	1931	1,000	10,000.00
5	West Park Commissioners	4%	1920	1,000	5,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners	4%	1920	1,000	1,000.00
10	West Park Commissioners	4%	1921	1,000	10,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners	4%	1921	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
4	West Park Commissioners	4%	1923	1,000	4,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners	4%	1924	1,000	8,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners	4%	1927	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners	4%	1930	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Chicago Park Commissioners	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Chicago Park Commissioners	4%	1925	1,000	1,000.00
3	School District No. 39, Cook County	4%	1922	500	1,500.00
1	Central Pacific Railway Co.	4%	1949	500	500.00
1	North Shore Electric Co.	5%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
5	United States 3d Liberty Loan	4¼%	1928	1,000	5,000.00
3	United States 4th Liberty Loan	4¼%		500	1,500.00
5	United States Victory Liberty Loan	4¾%			5,000.00
	United States Victory Liberty Loan (payment on subscription)				1,000.00
	Certificate of Deposit, No. D 11376				172.04
					<hr/> \$273,672.04

Chicago, June 23, 1919.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN: We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the year ended May 31, 1919, and find them to be correct.

We were permitted by the City Treasurer's office to examine the Library Account in the books of the City, and we found that the receipts of interest, taxes, etc., entered therein agreed with the receipts in the Library books.

In company with one of the Directors and the Secretary, we inspected the securities representing the various investments, all of which were produced to us.

We also examined the foregoing statements and compared them with the books, vouchers and securities; and we certify them to be correct.

Yours very truly,

UNITED STATES AUDIT CO.

WHITNEY B. FLERSHEM,

*Certified Public Accountant.*

## BOOKS

Number of books in Library June 1, 1918..		882,566
Number of books purchased the past year..	145,388	
Number of books donated the past year....	5,839	
Number of books received from other sources .....	4,369	
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Total number of books added past year		155,596
Number of books worn out the past year..	41,150	
Number of books delinquent 1917-18.....	1,583	
Number of books missing, 1917-18.....	12,855	
Number of books lost in Gano deposit fire	288	
Number of books lost and paid for.....	4,134	
Number of books found and money re- funded .....	304	
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		3,830
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Total number of books subtracted past year .....		59,706
Total net additions the past year.....		95,890
Total number of volumes in library June 1, 1919 .....		978,456
Total number of volumes unaccounted for in inventory of 1919.....		15,488

State of Illinois }  
County of Cook } ss.

I, H. G. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. WILSON.

Sworn and subscribed before me this twenty-third day of June,  
A. D. 1919.

JAMES McCABE.  
Notary Public.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to present the forty-seventh annual report of the work of the Chicago Public Library, covering the fiscal year beginning June 1st, 1918, and ending May 31st, 1919.

### THE WORK OF THE LIBRARY

Home circulation:

	AGENCIES		VOLUMES	
	1917-18	1918-19	1917-18	1918-19
Central Library .....	1	1	829,148	795,861
Branches .....	42	44	3,457,925	4,048,695
High school libraries.....	6	6	239,672	288,222
Traveling libraries .....	59	67	948,034	1,068,964
Deposit stations .....	72	68	305,102	331,302
Schoolroom deposits .....	1015	1336	417,952	419,381
Delivery stations .....	65	63	382,421	296,150
Delivery stations in branches 44.....			143,816	139,300
Short loan desk.....				20,124
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1260</b>	<b>1585</b>	<b>6,724,070</b>	<b>7,407,999</b>
Daily average circulation.....			22,192	24,289
Total increase .....				683,929

Registered card holders:

General .....	211,171	214,827
Local .....	61,006	67,010
Industrial deposits .....	29,601	34,115
Schools .....	49,000	60,120
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>350,778</b>	<b>376,072</b>

Analysis of the foregoing figures indicates that general public conditions resulting from the war and the subsequent period of readjustment still in progress continued to affect the use of the Library. The total increase in the number of volumes used by home readers was 683,929, or 10%, which in normal times would be considered somewhat below a satisfactory ratio. On the other hand nearly all other large public libraries record heavy losses in their book circulation for relatively the same period as is covered by this report. It is therefore cause for gratification that we have not only held our own but have substantially increased both our total use and number of registered borrowers to an extent that, in view of all the circumstances, is altogether remarkable. It should be added, however, that many public libraries elsewhere, especially in the East, suffered more or less extended periods of depression and, in some cases, of actual closing through fuel shortage, the prevalence of epidemics, and other extraordinary emergencies from which we happily suffered fewer effects.



It is significant that by far the largest gain is found in the use of the branches. Although but two new branches were opened, the percentage of increase in branch circulation was 11.3%. In the Central Library circulation there was an aggregate drop of 33,287 volumes for the year, the best explanation of which must still be sought in the theory advanced a year ago that the downtown circulation is largely among people whom the war drew away from their daily pursuits: the men through active participation in the nation's supreme task, the women through preoccupation with auxiliary services of varied and absorbing sorts. Again we point out how clearly this demonstrates that the Central Library is chiefly patronized by the younger business people, the first to be called to service—and the ones we are most pleased to number among our heaviest users. Perhaps this theory is further substantiated by the fact that circulation statistics in the main library again resumed an upward trend during the last three months of the fiscal year, the last month showing a gain of 8.7%.

The increase in branch use was truly remarkable. The new branch on West North Avenue, which opened July 1st, promptly climbed to the twelfth position in point of circulation. Woodlawn shows an increase of 17%, Sheridan of 20%, Kelly of 20%, Blackstone of 15%, and the smaller branches in general maintain the same ratio. Here and there, through local and unavoidable causes, a loss is reported, but the total, with a net gain of 18% sets a splendid record for this department. Only the untiring enthusiasm and industry of the entire branch staff from its capable chief downward, can account for this wonderful showing. Never before has the spirit and loyalty animating this organization been at a higher level. In the total staff of 264 assigned to the branches, but 97 are trained and permanent; 167 untrained temporary employees are now enrolled and 54 vacancies remain unfilled from sheer inability to find persons possessing even the meager rudiments of qualifications with which we are forced to be content. Notwithstanding this state of affairs, which is paralleled by the experiences of all other libraries, our branch librarians and their devoted assistants have contrived not only to meet the normal demands of their constituencies but to handle a great and sudden increase both in numbers of readers and in volumes issued, largely resulting from their own measures of publicity and neighborhood penetration systematically and uninterruptedly carried on in all parts of the city.

A valuable feature of our branch organization, and one to which we must ascribe not a little of its solidarity and sustained interest, is our system of weekly conferences alternating in subject matter between book selection and administrative problems. The book selection meetings are especially stimulating, their open discussions making for intimate knowledge of all books purchased on the part of every branch librarian, while the plan of assigning the

reports of bi-weekly book lists to review committees serves to keep up intimate connection with the steady flow of new books as they appear. Meetings of the several grades of assistants in branches are also proving highly beneficial, while the general assembly of the entire staff in branches held in May of this year for the first time returned so much in profit and inspiration that it will become a fixed event in the year's program.

The Deposit, Traveling Libraries and School Department has been greatly strengthened and is in process of reorganization under a very efficient head. In anticipation of probable difficulties in securing help we rather definitely forced the work in these lines of book distribution through agencies requiring a minimum of attention from our own staff. Numerically the result has been less imposing than it might have been but for the thorough house cleaning which resulted in closing or transferring not a few traveling libraries and deposits whose affairs were being conducted inefficiently and in a generally unsatisfactory manner. Reforms in policy and methods, especially in those of supervision and auditing of traveling libraries, together with an improved staff, have placed this department upon a sounder basis than it has occupied for some years and will produce results in the coming year that will reflect high credit upon its present management.

Our work with the schools has increased heavily. As a matter of fact it will be necessary to establish this work on an independent basis as a separate department. Only the lack of suitable quarters has caused me to postpone this step and, with prospects now appearing of an addition to our space, I expect to be able to recommend this change during the present year. There are now 1336 classroom deposits besides 30 special deposits, comprising an aggregate of 67,873 volumes with a circulation of 419,381.

The high school libraries must again be noted as among our most successful activities. Their number was not increased during the year because of inability to secure suitable help, but several new installations are planned for the opening of the school year.

The relations of the Public Library with the Board of Education are close and cordial and will in all probability become still more so as our service extends throughout the school system. There are some points as to joint and several obligations of the two bodies that still remain to be adjusted, and these will be brought to the attention of your Board at an early opportunity. Such adjustment will no doubt be accomplished without impairing the admirable spirit of co-operation that now prevails.

### MONTHLY CLASSIFICATION OF CIRCULATION EXCLUSIVE OF SCHOOLS

1918-1919				1917-1918			
Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Average	Month	Days	Circulation	Week Day Average
June.....	25	483,887	19,355	June.....	25	470,558	18,822
July.....	26	500,098	19,235	July.....	25	443,813	17,753
August.....	27	487,258	18,047	August....	27	457,861	16,958
September...	24	463,131	19,297	September..	23	419,427	18,236
October.....	27	601,944	22,294	October....	27	534,979	19,814
November....	25	638,817	25,553	November..	25	573,015	22,921
December....	25	607,331	24,293	December..	25	545,703	21,828
January.....	26	658,644	25,332	January....	26	584,538	22,482
February....	22	618,715	28,123	February... 22	573,276	26,058	
March.....	26	704,065	27,079	March.....	26	597,689	22,965
April.....	26	633,334	24,359	April.....	26	584,469	22,480
May.....	26	591,394	22,746	May.....	26	521,390	20,053
Total.....	305	6,988,618	22,976	Total....	303	6,303,118	20,864

In the Central Library the circulating department is open on week days only, from 9 a. m. to 8:30 p. m., and was closed on the usual general holidays, on Armistice Day and, for parts of the day, on various occasions such as the return of troops. Hours in the branches vary from fifty-four to eighty-two hours per week, including Sundays. No time was lost during the current year through epidemics or coal shortage.

### SUBJECT CLASSIFICATION OF CIRCULATION (Main Library and Delivery Stations)

	VOLUMES	Pct.
English prose fiction.....	450,261	36.7
Juvenile literature .....	283,243	23.0
History and biography.....	70,000	05.7
Geography and travels.....	27,924	02.3
Sciences and arts.....	219,538	17.9
Poetry and drama.....	70,744	05.8
Foreign languages .....	51,804	04.2
Miscellaneous .....	54,253	04.4
Total .....	1,227,767	100.0

### REGISTRATION

During the three years ending May 31st, 1919, the statistics of the Registry Department show that 235,547 cards were issued. There were canceled during this period 20,720 cards, leaving the number of live cards outstanding at the close of the year 214,827. Of the total number of cards issued during the year, 15,923 were applied for at the Main Library and 65,143 at the delivery stations and branches. This is exclusive of local cards issued at the traveling library stations, business house sta-

tions, etc., of which there are 161,245, making an aggregate registration of 376,072. There were issued 1,508 teachers' cards, 1,658 vacation cards, 28,034 juvenile cards, 45 research cards, 31 parcel post cards, 3,942 fee duplicate cards, and 1,418 books were issued on deposit. The number of cards lost and replaced by new cards was 8,572.

### DELIVERY STATIONS

The circulation of books for home use through the delivery stations was 435,450, a decrease of 90,787 as compared with last year. The number of delivery stations in operation at the close of the year was 107, of which 44 are in branch libraries. The amount expended for compensation of delivery station keepers and deposit stations was \$12,925.01. As stated a year ago, this service is being superseded by deposit stations whenever the opportunity offers.

### REFERENCE USE (MAIN LIBRARY ONLY)

#### Volumes consulted :

	1917-18	1918-19
Reference room .....	349,124	295,383
Women's study room .....	21,026	41,921
Art room .....	51,689	43,489
Civics room .....	186,539	181,022
Patents room .....	54,802	50,100
Bound newspapers .....	5,854	5,630
Current periodicals .....	120,509	127,446
Total reference use.....	789,543	744,991

Reference use of the Library has naturally suffered most from the extraordinary distractions of the public mind. The reduction in the number of students in the universities and professional schools, the added duties imposed upon teachers as well as students in all institutions, and the prevailing unrest and tension, all contributed to the neglect of studious pursuits. This condition, also, will quickly right itself with the return of tranquillity in public affairs.

Even the Music Department suffered a slight defection of patrons, showing a circulation of 10,146 volumes and 17,562 pieces of music for the year against 9,344 volumes and 20,102 pieces the previous year. This room is in dire need of better quarters which are a necessity if additions are to be made to its splendid stock. In anticipation of such additional space a large purchase of new music is now in process, and this together with a complete printed catalog, in course of preparation, will be ready to greet our music borrowers in the fall.

The Thomas Hughes Room for Young People shows a very remarkable gain in books circulated which may be attributed mainly to increased use of its facilities by teachers. The circulation for the year was 47,001 volumes and 28,082 pictures from

the picture collection, against 36,749 volumes and 23,105 pictures in 1917-18. The picture collection is constantly growing and is capable of unlimited development and widely extended use. An experiment with stereographic war pictures has proven the value of these pictures, and we propose to add other subjects to the collection in the near future.

In the Periodical Room the number of publications on file has dwindled from 1,170 to 1,032, chiefly through the operation of the government order prohibiting free copies. A considerable number of our periodicals and newspapers were regularly received as gifts and when these were cut off it was found inexpedient to add more than a few of them to the paid subscriptions. On the other hand various publications were forced to suspend because of paper shortage or other causes. The total use of this room is given in the table of reference use above.

In the Civics Room the 68,911 patrons consulted 13,491 public documents, 23,543 periodicals, 28,006 directories, 104,835 pamphlets, 7,407 books, 2,522 maps and 1,218 civil service questions. From the circulating document collection 2,105 volumes were issued, and 1,003 package libraries were made up for schools, clubs and individuals. Much intensive reference work is done in this division that is not reducible to statistics but is of the highest importance in the year's work.

The use of public documents has greatly increased during the past two years. In part this may be ascribed to the tremendous activities of the government in disseminating its publications and calling attention to their importance. The Food Administration, the Committee of Public Information and similar official agencies have done much to habituate the public to look for interesting things in print from the formerly despised government printing office. Our own Document Division is greatly impeded by lack of room, and much constructive work is planned to be undertaken as soon as the needed space can be provided.

Admirable and extensive as the work of the Civics Department is, we still feel the need of a separate business branch preferably located in quarters nearer the center of the great business district. It is a much longer and more difficult undertaking to traverse the loop today than it was twenty or even ten years ago, and it is certain that enormous service could be rendered to the business community with its vast army of employees by bringing the Library closer to its own domain. I therefore again call your attention to this urgent need, which I brought before your Board in a special communication in October. Only the seeming impossibility to find suitable quarters upon terms within our means delays this important addition to our equipment and we must continue to hope that this delay will be only temporary.

The Library has sought to do its part in the widespread movement for Americanization by availing itself of every opportunity that could be found. A long and varied list of books was published in the September Bulletin and a great quantity of extra copies was added in anticipation of the demand. Deposits of books were sent to the Committee on Americanization of the Chicago Association of Commerce for use in its highly successful chain of factory classes. Collections were also sent on request to numerous evening schools and volunteer groups. On the whole, however, the use of these books has fallen short of our expectations, most class leaders seeming to content themselves with small elementary texts in language or civics that were supplied in quantities by other organizations.

The collection of books for the blind now numbers 2,265 volumes, comprising 875 volumes in Braille Print, 873 in Moon Type, 228 volumes in American Line, 255 volumes in New York Point, 3 volumes in European Braille and 31 volumes in Revised Braille Grade 1½. Four hundred and seventy-six volumes were added during the year. There were circulated for home use 8,487 volumes; 227 volumes were used at the Main Library.

A new subdivision of the Reference Department has been instituted which, for want of a better term, has been called the Short Loan Desk. It is organized to supply reference service to the branches and deposits with which it is in constant and direct communication by telephone. Hitherto this service was supplied by the general reference staff which found it an increasingly impossible burden to carry. Through this bureau our numerous and widely scattered extra-mural agencies are enabled to offer their patrons the vast reference facilities of the main library, to secure inter-branch loans and in general to avail themselves of the combined resources of the whole system. Problems of research are promptly covered and the necessary books are dispatched to outlying depositories through the Delivery Stations as "short loans." The need for this service is amply demonstrated by the great increase in calls. Since this bureau was organized in September, it has sent out in answer to special requests no less than 20,124 volumes.

In this connection it is gratifying to note our close co-operation with the ever-increasing number of business and special librarians in Chicago who have been made to feel that the Public Library is their special laboratory, freely at their disposal for the solution of their special problems.

## GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

No. of volumes in Library May 31, 1918.....882,566

Accessions to May 31, 1918, viz.:

Purchased .....	145,388	
Gifts .....	5,839	
Binding, periodicals .....	1,485	
Binding, pamphlets, etc.....	391	
Exchange .....	19	
Lost and recovered.....	1,327	
Lost and recovered, cost refunded.....	304	
Replaced by borrowers or guarantors.....	99	
Transferred from Rental Collection.....	1,048	155,900

Gross accessions ..... 1,038,466

Deductions

Worn out and withdrawn.....	41,150	
Lost and paid for.....	4,134	
Unaccounted for, 1917-18.....	12,855	
Delinquent .....	1,583	
Fire loss, Gano deposit.....	288	60,010

Volumes in Library, May 31, 1919..... 978,456

Cost of books.....	\$123,363.85
Cost of periodicals.....	10,574.52
Cost of binding.....	40,440.97

We are proud of our book selection and ordering machinery. The bi-weekly book conferences, attended by representatives from every department having contact with books or the public, ensure ample consideration of all current publications by a number of persons representing different points of view, and produce a body of informed opinion widely disseminated through the staff. Consolidation of orders for all purposes is also thus secured and we are convinced that the new books reach our public everywhere at the earliest practicable moment. The one great demand that has remained unsupplied is for books in the continental European languages, the production of which was almost completely stopped by the war, even in the countries least affected. We can only hope that this condition will soon be relaxed, and when that time arrives, we shall take the earliest opportunity to replenish our seriously depleted foreign book stock. The only foreign books procurable in quantities have been French, for which there is great demand and of which we have made large purchases.

## CATALOG DEPARTMENT

During the year 6,381 new titles were cataloged and classified, 554 recataloged, and 4,405 additions and corrections made. There were 16,869 volumes of replacements, extra copies and continuations.

There were added to the public card catalog 22,792 cards, of which 6,693 were subject cards, 9,469 author and title cards, and

6,630 additions and corrections; 14,255 cards, including foreign deposit, were added to the official card catalog; 1,446 cards were filed in the music catalog, of which 206 were additions and corrections. No record was kept of the seven departmental catalogs in the main library.

There were ordered from the Library of Congress for the main library 5,074 titles, and 4,219 were received; 11,353 were ordered for the branches department and 11,237 were received. 1,507 titles (12,655 copies) and 14 lists (2,460 copies) were multi-graphed.

The Publication Department has been strengthened by the appointment of a new head experienced in editorial, typographical and bibliographical work. A printed catalog of the Music Department is now in preparation and will be followed by other much needed publications to bring our remarkable special collections as well as our general resources to the better attention of the public. Catalogs of the Art Industries, English and American Drama, Americana and several others of our especially strong subjects are among those to be issued as soon as possible.

The Book Bulletin (6,500 copies monthly except July and August) and the annual cumulation, Books of 1918, were issued as usual. Other publications were a new edition of the bibliography of Christmas, together with an attractive series of colored slip lists of books suitable for Christmas gifts for children of different ages; also a charming list of illustrated books for high school libraries compiled by Miss Margaret Ely, high school librarian, and a scholarly bibliography of Reconstruction by Miss Edith Kammerling of the Civics Department.

The number of volumes received from the binderies during the year was 70,172. Of these 66,728 were newly bound or rebound and 3,444 were reseeded in old covers. There were repaired in the Binderies' Department 70,012 books; 5,113 were repaired at the binderies. The books relabeled during the year numbered 15,494 volumes. 40,387 books were re-dateslipped, and 115,653 books were gold-marked in the library. The total number of books worked on in the department during the year was 431,261.

The situation in the binding industry is serious enough to cause concern. High prices of materials and scarcity of help have forced nearly all of our contract binders to reduce the number of books they were able to handle, and prospects for an improvement in the near future are far from encouraging. Meanwhile the constantly increasing use of library books, together with the



marked deterioration in paper and binding of currently published books, combine to swell to huge proportions the number of volumes needing repair. Unless relief is secured without delay we may face a congestion that will soon affect our entire service. Experiments in re-enforcing new books before they are issued are under way and may point to a partial solution of the problem.

#### • ADMINISTRATION

The entire number of persons employed in all departments of the library service May 31st, 1919, was 577, an increase of 56 over last year. The total number of temporary employees who came and went—some remaining for less than a month—was 465. Permanent Civil Service appointees at present number but 354, and there are 62 vacancies. It should be added, however, that all but a few of the temporary assistants and vacancies are among juniors or pages. The zeal and devotion of our relatively small nucleus of permanent employees is beyond praise. With insufficient and frequently inefficient help they have somehow managed to accomplish all that is recorded in the foregoing pages. Under circumstances that have kept us all in a state of tense anxiety we have managed to keep all our activities in motion and all our doors open. We can only hope that the processes of readjustment will make an early return to normal conditions possible and will enable us to undertake some of the new developments that make for extension and improvement.

#### THE HENRY E. LEGLER BRANCH

The contract for the erection of the first regional branch, which is to link the name of Henry E. Legler in perpetuity with the Chicago Public Library, was let in March, and the corner stone was fitly laid on Memorial Day. Work is progressing rapidly and there can be no doubt that this large and splendid addition to our equipment will be completed and in operation before another year has passed. Plans are being developed for a staff organization and book purchases will begin in the fall. A program of functions and activities of the Regional Branch will be submitted to your Board at the proper time.

The need for more space in the main building is even more acute than it was a year ago. It is greatly to be hoped that the projects now before the Board, involving large additions and changes, will be brought to an early and successful completion.

#### CONCLUSION

On the whole, in view of all the discouragements and difficulties, we feel that the year has not been the least successful one in our annals. In all probability we shall never again be confronted with the extraordinary conditions that these past twelve months

brought in their train, conditions wholly beyond our control and often distressingly hard to bear. But we may look back upon this period as one in which we too did our part, and we may face the future with the comforting knowledge that we have come through with credit and that before us lie broad fields of ever-widening usefulness which we are the more ready and able to enter upon because of the difficult times we have left behind. There remains for me, therefore, only the pleasant duty of re-affirming to your Honorable Board my personal appreciation of your uniform consideration and good will, to the staff my deep appreciation of that spirit of co-operation and loyalty without which the story of the year could not have been written in these terms, and to the public our united gratitude for the many evidences that have come to us that the Public Library continues to hold a high place in its esteem.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. RODEN,  
*Librarian.*

Chicago, June 23, 1919.

## CIRCULATION IN BRANCHES, JUNE 1, 1918, TO MAY 31, 1919

	Direct	Stations	Total	No. of Vols. in Bra.
Armour .....	33,696	2,041	35,737	3,159
Austin .....	155,473	3,489	158,962	11,753
Bessemer .....	69,282	2,816	72,098	4,294
Blackstone .....	136,976	4,441	141,417	19,685
Burr .....	68,446	2,017	70,463	5,606
Cornell .....	45,900	1,086	46,986	3,144
Davis .....	27,593	820	28,413	3,190
Douglas .....	219,559	12,258	231,817	11,665
Dvorak .....	59,403	1,145	60,548	3,353
Eckhart .....	63,619	3,432	67,051	4,034
Forestville .....	42,527	1,706	44,233	2,510
Fuller .....	59,185	1,480	60,665	5,507
Hamilton .....	102,808	2,987	105,795	5,952
Hamlin .....	68,754	1,193	69,947	5,359
Hardin .....	54,883	1,906	56,789	4,475
Hebrew .....	104,489	8,198	112,687	8,209
Holstein .....	71,599	1,329	72,928	5,017
Humboldt .....	199,934	20,084	220,018	10,430
Independence .....	67,665	1,596	69,261	3,605
Kelly .....	211,963	3,554	215,517	16,200
Kosciusko .....	51,925	969	52,894	2,895
Lewis .....	171,515	6,528	178,043	14,392
Lincoln .....	106,705	3,507	110,212	9,940
Logan .....	132,505	3,715	136,220	8,846
Mark White .....	66,211	991	67,202	4,179
McKinley .....	54,108	429	54,537	3,092
Morse .....	64,789	3,240	68,029	3,282
Ogden .....	124,940	1,839	126,779	7,567
Palmer .....	55,932	1,358	57,290	4,027
Pulaski .....	49,778	1,010	50,788	3,426
Rogers .....	118,283	2,068	120,351	7,702
Scanlon .....	54,187	807	54,994	3,599
Seward .....	79,658	3,899	83,557	4,614
Shedd's Park .....	70,851	2,684	73,535	3,763
Sheridan .....	196,208	3,983	200,191	10,475
Sherman .....	91,080	1,673	92,753	5,231
Stanford .....	58,953	1,675	60,628	5,131
Stanton .....	48,891	1,348	50,239	3,590
Sumner .....	59,087	1,550	60,637	4,097
Walker .....	44,033	1,105	45,138	7,485
West North Ave .....	112,814	4,048	116,862	7,367
West 26th St .....	120,104	1,281	121,385	7,917
Woodlawn .....	252,384	9,912	262,296	13,812
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>4,048,695</b>	<b>137,197</b>	<b>4,185,892</b>	<b>283,626</b>
Austin High .....	59,897	.....	59,897	6,833
Englewood High .....	30,866	.....	30,866	5,995
Harrison High .....	63,784	.....	63,784	6,426
Lake View High .....	43,287	1	43,288	7,308
Marshall High .....	37,136	2,102	39,238	4,635
Senn High .....	53,252	.....	53,252	6,657
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>288,222</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>290,325</b>	<b>37,854</b>
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>4,336,917</b>	<b>139,300</b>	<b>4,476,217</b>	<b>321,480</b>

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS 1874-1919

Year	Home circulation of books	Daily average circulation	Books issued through Delivery stations	Books issued through branches (direct or station)	Fines collected
1874	7,659	295	.....	.....	\$ 3.65
1875	399,156	1,313	.....	.....	2,648.72
1880	306,751	1,002	.....	.....	1,775.72
1885	519,691	1,704	65,271	.....	3,088.00
1890	843,971	2,830	501,257	.....	4,853.75
1895	1,147,862	3,816	545,866	.....	5,543.88
1900	1,749,775	5,769	1,143,391	.....	7,196.98
1905	1,336,199	4,400	788,657	4,336	6,732.20
1906	1,411,106	4,548	846,802	36,343	7,484.91
1907	1,414,292	4,521	844,415	52,451	8,284.65
1908	1,601,645	5,046	954,000	71,074	8,662.83
1909	1,777,142	5,885	1,129,450	70,486	9,162.63
1910	1,805,012	5,938	1,135,848	184,956	10,151.94
1911	2,256,022	7,397	1,075,376	592,454	12,851.36
1912	2,587,232	8,455	948,815	1,063,740	14,196.22
1913	3,037,035	9,587	883,366	1,396,422	15,359.64
1914	3,428,638	11,261	804,987	1,680,529	16,803.41
1915	4,326,057	14,184	820,227	2,310,701	18,636.64
1916	4,802,432	15,694	771,028	2,614,504	20,911.43
1917	5,602,806	18,491	743,131	3,092,507	22,341.22
1918	6,724,070	22,192	526,237	3,841,413	24,688.99
1919	7,407,999	24,289	435,450	4,476,217	29,410.15

BOOK ACCESSIONS 1874-1919

Year	Volumes in library	Total accessions	Volumes purchased	Volumes donated	Expended for books	Books worn out	Accessions of pamphlets
1874	18,183	11,331	9,899	1,432	\$10,733.11	.....	2,638
1875	39,236	21,053	20,122	969	28,410.63	38	1,944
1880	67,772	8,440	7,799	641	7,404.52	1,137	487
1885	111,621	6,836	5,692	1,144	6,899.14	698	3,201
1890	156,242	10,908	10,073	835	11,148.66	3,507	1,635
1895	211,157	18,485	16,727	975	19,431.18	5,595	1,236
1900	258,498	12,911	9,651	1,622	12,476.70	3,905	1,807
1905	304,510	22,879	18,436	2,097	19,884.79	8,002	3,456
1906	323,610	26,236	22,616	1,997	24,013.53	6,365	4,042
1907	339,282	24,987	21,927	1,438	20,078.07	8,303	2,596
1908	352,093	25,843	22,353	1,765	24,262.76	11,466	1,499
1909	365,349	28,197	25,303	1,315	27,064.70	12,900	868
1910	402,848	55,990	51,482	2,693	45,520.85	14,688	132
1911	448,073	58,644	54,504	2,070	46,283.09	10,020	2,022
1912	481,708	50,952	45,834	3,655	43,190.29	10,340	1,944
1913	514,259	47,467	39,035	6,368	38,136.33	9,503	1,734
1914	571,358	78,231	73,228	2,670	65,779.48	21,132	2,805
1915	627,619	75,837	69,305	3,901	61,661.31	12,796	10,251
1916	701,059	100,527	82,158	13,006	72,171.42	15,516	16,184
1917	806,172	140,645	130,929	3,875	112,556.34	24,469	17,109
1918	882,566	123,312	112,857	6,759	101,044.01	34,437	45,275
1919	978,456	155,596	145,388	5,839	123,363.85	41,150	17,233

## CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS

	Volumes in library May 31, 1918	Total accessions 1918-19	Net accessions 1918-19	Volumes in library May 31, 1919
Ancient Classics.....	1,976	229	205	2,181
Bibliography.....	6,241	485	404	6,645
Biography.....	22,672	1,179	333	23,005
Books for the Blind.....	1,677	431	427	2,104
Documents.....	45,192	3,461	3,458	48,650
English Fiction.....	176,798	34,208	19,719	196,517
Essays and Miscellanies.....	8,043	681	580	8,623
Fine Arts.....	19,702	1,371	15	19,717
Geography and Travels.....	22,157	1,278	117	22,274
History.....	35,845	5,134	3,598	39,443
Juvenile Books.....	218,014	84,696	58,635	276,649
Language and Lit. and C. W.....	22,186	2,208	66	22,252
Law.....	1,923	75	27	1,950
Medicine.....	4,424	334	190	4,614
Psychology and Ethics.....	10,624	1,734	1,315	11,939
Music: Sheet.....	11,049	1,375	1,300	12,349
Music: Volumes.....	5,281	482	406	5,687
Music: Pianola Rolls.....	500			500
Natural Science.....	18,154	1,273	404	18,558
Periodicals.....	57,513	1,755	1,665	59,178
Poetry and Drama.....	20,404	2,301	1,998	22,402
Political and Social Science.....	29,195	2,822	-2,885	26,310
Reference Books.....	11,319	1,601	1,476	12,795
Religion.....	12,138	404	-109	12,029
Useful Arts.....	45,126	3,367	1,562	46,688
Bohemian Literature.....	4,986	68	-154	4,832
Dutch Literature.....	1,450	74	57	1,507
French Literature.....	12,936	1,247	958	13,894
German Literature.....	27,143	6	-485	26,658
Hungarian Literature.....	271	1	-25	246
Italian Literature.....	2,074	67	34	2,108
Japanese and Chinese Lit.....	137			137
Lettish Literature.....	655			655
Lithuanian Literature.....	931	50	34	965
Polish Literature.....	4,406	580	425	4,831
Portuguese Literature.....	44		-25	19
Russian Literature.....	2,895	87	-3	2,892
Scandinavian Literature.....	10,183	21	-66	10,117
Spanish Literature.....	1,894	27	22	1,916
Welsh Literature.....	72			72
Yiddish Literature.....	4,157	189	-78	4,079
Other Languages.....	323	295	290	613
Total.....	882,566	155,596	95,890	978,456

# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

## ACCORDING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Annual report for year ending May 31, 1919.

Name of library: The Chicago Public Library.

Population served (Estimated).....2,600,000

Terms of use: Free for lending—Free for reference.

Total number of agencies..... 1,585

Consisting of:

Central Library ..... 1

Branches ..... 50

Stations and other agencies..... 1,534

Number of days open during year (Central Library)..... 362

Hours open each week for lending (Central Library)..... 69

Hours open each week for reading (Central Library)..... 87

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year...	664,552	218,014	882,566
Number of volumes added during year by purchase .....	61,275	84,113	145,388
Number of volumes added during year by gift or exchange (including volumes received from other sources).....	9,625	583	10,208
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during year .....	33,764	25,942	59,706
Total number of volumes at end of year....	701,688	276,768	978,456

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
*Number of volumes of fiction for home use .....			1,904,919
Total number of volumes lent for home use .....			7,407,999
Number of volumes sent to agencies.....			435,450

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of borrowers registered during year .....	53,032	28,034	81,066
Total number of registered borrowers (general and local).....			376,072
Registration period, years.....			3

	Titles	Copies
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received.....	762	1,032
Number of persons using library for reading and study (Total figures of attendance in reading rooms).....		1,099,373

\*From Central Library, branches and stations only. Classified figures from deposits, school deposits and traveling libraries not available at this time.

## THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

## RECEIPTS FROM

Balance June 1, 1918,...	\$ 3,891.27
Local taxation .....	856,061.74
State grants .....	
Endowment funds .....	11,289.85
Membership fees .....	
Fines and sales of publications .....	29,777.60
Duplicate pay collection..	1,802.23
Other sources .....	6,828.86
Total .....	<u>\$909,651.55</u>

## PAYMENTS FOR

Maintenance:	
Books .....	\$123,363.85
Periodicals .....	10,574.52
Binding .....	40,440.97
Salaries, library service)	453,571.64
Salaries, janitor service)	
Rent .....	13,980.00
Heat, Light .....	21,166.71
Other maintenance ...	78,155.71
Fines paid to Pension Fund .....	29,410.15
Balance .....	<u>138,988.00</u>
	<u>\$909,651.55</u>

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**THE HENRY E. LEGLER REGIONAL BRANCH**  
**Delivery Rotunda**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1919

	Expiration of Term
ALFRED E. BARR, <i>President</i> .....	1921
JAMES J. HEALY, <i>Vice-President</i> .....	1922
R. G. SHUTTER.....	1920
CHARLES E. SCHICK.....	1920
CARL O. BEROOTH.....	1922
FRANK F. TOLLKUEHN.....	1921
LAWRENCE CUNEO .....	1921
ROBERT J. McLAUGHLIN .....	1920
ELLIOTT W. SPROUL.....	1922

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HARRY G. WILSON, *Secretary to the Board*.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

1919

*Library*—Directors Tollkuehn, Beroth and McLaughlin.

*Administration*—Directors Shutter, Schick and Healy.

*Buildings and Grounds*—Directors Schick, Healy and Sproul.

# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

APRIL 11, 1872, TO DECEMBER 31, 1920

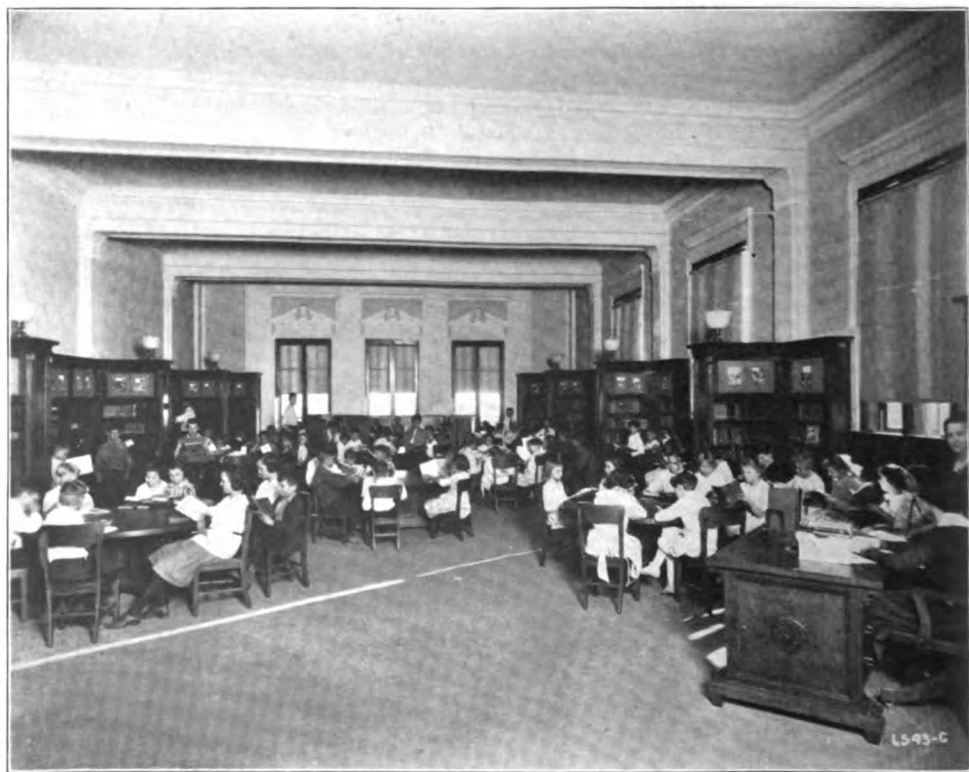
## WITH THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE

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- Allen, James Lane, 1880-82.
  - \*Anthony, Elliott, 1872-77.
  - \*Armstrong, Geo. B., 1881-82; 1908-11.
  - Barr, Alfred E., 1899; 1916-21.
  - Beebe, Wm. H., 1887-89.
  - Beroth, Carl O., 1917-22.
  - \*Billings, Albert M., 1875-78.
  - \*Blodgett, Edward A., 1908-10.
  - Bowers, James F., 1901-08.
  - Bradley, J. Harley, 1887.
  - Breyer, Charles C., 1913-17.
  - \*Brine, Geo. J., 1886-87.
  - \*Brosseau, Z. P., 1893-96; 1901-07.
  - \*Callaghan, B., 1880-96.
  - Cigrand, B. J., 1903-10.
  - Collins, Michael J., 1912-13.
  - Cuneo, Lawrence, 1917-21.
  - \*Curran, Wm., 1882-83.
  - \*Despres, Samuel, 1903-06; 1912-15.
  - Diener, T. C., 1893-95.
  - \*Dreyer, Edw. S., 1889-95.
  - \*Eckhart, John W., 1901-07.
  - Egan, Dennis J., 1903-05.
  - \*Enright, John W., 1883-88.
  - \*Forrester, Robert H., 1879-80.
  - \*Frank, Mortimer, 1910-13.
  - Franks, Jacob, 1897-1903.
  - \*Freeman, Henry V., 1910-13.
  - Fyffe, Colin C. H., 1903-05.
  - \*Garibaldi, John G., 1900-02.
  - Gessler, Samuel, 1917-19.
  - \*Gunderson, S. T., 1895-98.
  - \*Hamilton, John B., 1896-98.
  - \*Hatch, Azel F., 1890-93; 1894-1900.
  - \*Hayes, Samuel S., 1872-75.
  - Healy, J. J., 1913-22.
  - Hedenberg, James W., 1895-98.
  - \*Heldmann, Geo. D., 1902-03.
  - Henius, Max, 1911-17.
  - Herhold, Frederick H., 1897-1901.
  - Hirsch, Emil G., 1888-97.
  - \*Hotz, Ferdinand C., 1875-81.
  - \*Hoyne, Thos., 1872-75.
  - Hutchinson, Chas. L., 1898-1901.
  - \*Hynes, Wm. J., 1881-87.
  - Jonas, Edgar A., 1917-19.
  - \*Kadlec, L. W., 1880-89.
  - Kaspar, Wm., 1889-94.
  - Keeley, Thos. F., 1894-97.
  - \*Kent, Wm. D., 1888-89.
  - Ksycki, Philip M., 1911-17.
  - Kuflewski, W. A., 1899-1902.
  - Lagorio, Antonio, 1906-17.
  - Lewke, Otto W., 1897-1900.
  - \*Lindstrand, Frans A., 1903-06.
  - \*Loewenthal, B., 1875-82.
  - \*Lowe, John W., 1902-06.
  - \*McCormick, Robert S., 1895-1901.
  - McDowell, Malcolm, 1913-14.
  - McLaughlin, Robert J., 1919-20.
  - MacMillan, T. C., 1882-87.
  - Mannhardt, Emil, 1885-88.
  - Mason, George, 1874-80.
  - Mayer, Oscar G., 1914-17.
  - Meeker, Arthur, 1900-03.
  - \*Moos, Bernhard, 1887-96.
  - \*Moses, Adolph, 1882-88.
  - Novak, John L., 1905-08.
  - \*Onahan, Wm. J., 1874-81.
  - O'Connell, T. Frank, 1913-17.
  - Peabody, Francis S., 1899-1903.
  - \*Plamondon, Chas. A., 1899-1902.
  - Pokorney, Frank J., 1913-17.
  - \*Queal, Robert F., 1872-76.
  - \*Raster, Hermann, 1872-75.
  - Rawson, Frederick H., 1908-11.
  - \*Rend, Wm. P., 1889-92.

- Rogers, Henry W., 1883-85.  
 \*Rosenthal, Julius, 1872-75.  
 Roulston, Robert J., 1905-13.  
 \*Rubens, Harry, 1879-85.  
 Ryan, Andrew J., 1898-99.  
 Schick, Charles E., 1917-20.  
 \*Schmidt, Ernst, 1881-82.  
 \*Scranton, Abner R., 1876-79.  
 \*Sheahan, James W., 1872-74.  
 \*Shields, Michael, 1902-03.  
 \*Shorey, Daniel L., 1872-80.  
 \*Shortall, John G., 1886-95.  
 Shutter, R. G., 1917-20.  
 \*Smith, Pliny B., 1888-94.  
 \*Smith, Robert J., 1890-93.  
 Smith, Sidney, 1877-79.  
 \*Smyth, John M., 1892-95.  
 \*Sprague, Otho S. A., 1878-81.  
 Sproul, Elliott W., 1919-22.  
 Stern, Julius, 1906-12.  
 \*Swazey, Arthur, 1885-87.  
 Taylor, Graham, 1906-12.  
 Tollkuehn, Frank F., 1917-21.  
 Umbdenstock, Michael, 1887-90.  
 \*Van Osdel, John M., 1896-99.  
 \*Wait, Horatio L., 1910-13.  
 \*Walker, J. B., 1875-83.  
 \*Waterman, Arba N., 1908-10.  
 \*Wells, Wm. H., 1882-85.  
 \*Williams, Norman, 1887-89.  
 \*Woodard, Willard, 1872-74.
- \*Sheahan, Jas. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20, 1872.  
 \*Wickersham, W. B., Secretary from July 20, 1872, to October 15, 1908.  
 Wilson, Harry G., Acting Secretary, October 15, 1908, to March 11, 1909.  
 Secretary since March 11, 1909.  
 \*Poole, Wm. F., LL.D., Librarian from October 25, 1873, to August 1, 1887.  
 \*Hild, Frederick H., Librarian from October 15, 1887, to April 30, 1909.  
 Roden, Carl B., Acting Librarian from May 1, 1909, to October 11, 1909.  
 \*Legler, Henry E., Librarian from October 11, 1909, to September 13, 1917.  
 Roden, Carl B., Librarian since March 11, 1918.

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\*Deceased.



**THE HENRY E. LEGLER REGIONAL BRANCH**  
Views of Exterior and Children's Room

**FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OF**  
**THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library has the honor to present the annual report of the Public Library covering the fiscal and calendar year ending December 31, 1920, in which are included the reports of the Librarian and Secretary describing in detail the operation and activities of the Library for the same period.

On Chicago Day, Saturday, October 9th, the Board had the pleasure of opening the new Henry E. Legler Regional Branch. Brief exercises signalized the official tender of this beautiful building to the public. The latter was represented by a large gathering of interested citizens, who were unanimous in expressing their enthusiastic admiration of the handsome new addition to the Library equipment. That the branch was much needed and was wisely located is attested by the fact that in book use by borrowers it has already reached the astonishing record of circulating between six and seven thousand books a week.

The completion of this building constitutes the first step in the program formulated by the late Librarian, Henry E. Legler, for whom the new branch was named. This program was adopted by the Board five years ago and contemplates the erection of at least five similar branch buildings in various sections of the city to serve as regional or key branches and centers of supply and direction for the smaller and less efficiently equipped installations. It is proper to point out, however, that the prospects of financing the erection of any future buildings of similar proportions and cost upon the same basis, namely, with funds saved from the annual revenue, are exceedingly doubtful. To carry out this program or to make any other permanent additions to the branch system of the Public Library calls for a building fund of such proportions as can be created only by bond issue



or by endowment. Until such a fund has been secured the progress of the institution towards the goal that has been set must necessarily be slow, unsatisfactory and precarious.

In other directions there is little of progress to record. The following reports comprise statistics showing that the Library has barely held its own; and prospects for the coming year are not encouraging. In our report a year ago we called attention to the dangerous condition of the finances of the Public Library and took occasion to predict that its normal expenditures would soon equal its normal income, and eventually would exceed the latter if any extension of activities were undertaken. This forecast has been exactly justified by the course of events. Not extension of activities, which, aside from the new branch mentioned above, were found out of the question, but the continuing rise in the cost of operation has now resulted in a state of affairs that calls for prompt and drastic action. Before ten months of the past year had elapsed it was found that appropriations for several important items in the budget, among them those for books and for binding, were falling short, and that the income for the year 1921 would have to be anticipated in order to maintain the service at the existing level. With the reasonable expectation of a normal increase in revenue for the coming year, based upon a normal appreciation of the assessed valuations, authority was given thus to anticipate the expected income. It has now become apparent that valuations have practically remained stationary and that the Library will command no larger revenue in 1921 than in 1920. Deductions from this amount, chargeable to the anticipations mentioned, still further deplete our current funds, creating a situation that must be met by heavy and far-reaching retrenchments and curtailment of library service.

There is only one permanent and dependable remedy for this condition, namely, a higher rate of taxation for library purposes under the state law. The present rate of six and two-thirds tenths of a mill per dollar of assessed valuation, which is still further reduced under the scaling process to a bare half mill, is clearly inadequate and out of all proportion to the present needs and the vast opportunities for greater usefulness of the Library. The per capita cost of the Public Library to its constituents is less than thirty cents per annum, a figure which gives Chicago the unenviable distinction of ranking lowest in library support among the ten leading American cities. A larger income, based upon a higher and an irreducible tax rate, is most urgently needed, and we ask the approval and support of your Honorable Body in our contemplated application to the General Assembly for relief.

During the year covered by this report the Board was again confronted by the difficulty of securing sufficient and competent help. The small advance in salaries that it was possible to make,

amounting to an average of less than fifteen per cent, did not suffice either to attract many new and promising recruits, nor to hold our present staff together. A seriously large number of capable assistants left us during this period, mainly to fill positions in libraries operated by large business concerns at salaries substantially higher than those we were able to offer. The resulting shortage in staff compelled the closing of six of the smaller branches in September. It was expected, however, that these would be reopened as the help situation improved. This expectation is now dispelled by the reduction of revenue.

Another measure made necessary by the combined shortage of help and funds was the discontinuance of the seven high school libraries operated by the Board at its own expense, in quarters furnished and maintained by the Board of Education, for the use and benefit of the high school students and faculties. Our necessities seemed to point to the wisdom of submitting to the Board of Education a proposition for a more equable division of maintenance and cost of these splendid but highly specialized installations. This was done early in the year, but, after extended negotiations, the latter Board was forced to declare its inability to assume a share in this heavy expenditure. The high school libraries therefore remained closed during September and October, but were reopened in November under the old arrangement with the understanding that in the new fiscal year, the Board of Education would find itself in a position to assume a part of this obligation.

The regular bi-weekly sessions of the Board were held without serious interruption throughout the year, and these, together with numerous meetings of committees, both standing and special, combined to make a busy year which, we trust and believe, has not passed without useful and important contributions to the progress and effectiveness of the Public Library in its great and ever-enlarging mission.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED E. BARR, *President*  
JAMES J. HEALY, *Vice-President*  
R. G. SHUTTER  
CHARLES E. SCHICK  
CARL O. BEROH  
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ELLIOTT W. SPROUL

Chicago, January 24, 1921.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Public Library,

Chicago, January 24, 1921.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN: As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended December 31, 1920:

## PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1920

### Receipts

Sale 1919 tax warrants.....		\$219,000.00
Taxes 1919 .....	\$811,607.95	
Less: Tax warrants 1919, redeemed.....	<u>205,000.00</u>	606,607.95
Interest on funds in hands of City Treasurer.....		5,200.29
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Sale of duplicates.....	333.44	
Sale of finding lists.....	489.58	
Miscellaneous .....	2,917.31	
Books lost and paid for.....	6,076.66	
Fines for retention of books.....	<u>41,132.57</u>	50,949.56

Funds, Jan. 1, 1920:

Cash in hands of City Treasurer.....	68,422.01
Cash in bank and in hands of Secretary (pettycash)	<u>1,000.00</u>
	951,179.81

### Disbursements

Salaries, main library.....	335,036.88
Salaries, branches .....	224,200.74
Salaries, deposit and delivery stations.....	13,155.70
Delivery stations, miscellaneous.....	6,274.40
Branches .....	20,441.39
Books .....	103,188.41
Binding .....	55,331.49
Finding lists .....	2,758.68
Printing and stationery.....	12,207.57
Periodicals .....	15,925.01
Miscellaneous .....	5,557.53
Fuel .....	17,343.25
Heating and generating plant.....	1,926.51
Electrical supplies and repairs.....	1,026.77
Elevator supplies and repairs.....	562.56
Janitor's expense .....	1,399.01
Furniture and fixtures.....	3,338.59
Insurance .....	2,636.50
Freight and expressage.....	286.69
Postage .....	3,341.69
Books lost and paid for—refunds.....	656.18
Repairs, alterations and improvements.....	15,455.04
Branch buildings .....	106,281.37
Interest on 1919 tax warrants.....	<u>414.32</u>
Total expenditures .....	948,746.28

Funds Dec. 31, 1920:

Cash in hands of City Treasurer.....	1,433.53
Cash in bank and in hands of Secretary (petty cash) .....	<u>1,000.00</u>

951,179.81

Funds Dec. 31, 1920:

Cash in hands of City Treasurer.....		\$1,433.53
Taxes of 1919 collectible (complete returns on taxes of 1919 not made by County Treasurer) ..	\$70,083.45	
Less: Tax warrants 1919 outstanding .....	14,000.00	56,083.45
		<hr/> 57,516.98
From this balance an amount estimated at \$52,000.00 for losses and cost of extension and collection of taxes for 1919 is to be deducted.		

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Rental Collection:

Balance Jan. 1, 1920.....		2,256.98
Fees for loan of books.....		3,253.08
		<hr/> 5,510.06
Books purchased .....	1,595.54	
Balance Dec. 31, 1920.....	3,914.52	5,510.06

Security Deposits:

Balance Jan. 1, 1920.....		1,654.80
Deposits for cards and books.....		4,949.90
		<hr/> 6,604.70
Deposits refunded .....	4,691.55	
Balance Dec. 31, 1920.....	1,913.15	6,604.70

Special Deposits:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1920.....		100.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1920.....	100.00	

Secretary's Petty Cash:

Balance Jan. 1, 1920.....		273.68
Reimbursed by Library Fund.....		7,242.85
		<hr/> 7,516.53

Miscellaneous expense as per vouchers audited....	6,925.53	
Balance Dec. 31, 1920.....	591.00	7,516.53

TRUST FUNDS

*Receipts and Disbursements*

Kelly Branch Library Fund:

Balance Jan. 1, 1920.....		153.08
Income from investments.....		10,901.92
		<hr/> 11,055.00
Salaries .....	11,027.84	
Balance Dec. 31, 1920, made up as follows:		
Accrued interest .....	\$ 23.51	
On deposit in bank.....	3.65	27.16
		<hr/> 11,055.00

Ryder Fund Income:

Balance Jan. 1, 1920.....		94.03
Income from investments.....		399.61
		<hr/> 493.64
Books purchased .....	288.85	
Balance Dec. 31, 1920.....	204.79	493.64

## Beecher Fund Income:

Balance Jan. 1, 1920.....	\$ 87.54
Income from investments.....	69.76

157.30

Books purchased .....	\$ 147.80
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Balance Dec. 31, 1920.....	9.50	157.30
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## Jackson Fund Income:

Balance Jan. 1, 1920.....	213.82
Income from investments.....	56.05

269.87

Books purchased .....	245.33
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Balance Dec. 31, 1920.....	24.54	269.87
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*Trust Funds and Investments*

## Trust Funds:

Hiram Kelly bequest.....	200,000.00
Wm. H. Ryder bequest.....	10,000.00
Jerome Beecher bequest.....	2,000.00
H. W. Jackson bequest.....	1,000.00
Hiram Kelly increment.....	65,000.00

278,000.00

## Investments:

Bonds Jan. 1, 1920.....	\$277,784.55
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Less: Bonds matured.....	12,000.00
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265,784.55

Bonds purchased .....	11,880.90
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Bonds Dec. 31, 1920 (par value \$280,150.00) .....	277,665.45
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Certificate of Deposit D-12229.....	334.55	278,000.00
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*Cash Reconciliation*

Incidental fund .....	1,000.00
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Less: Incidental fund not reimbursed by City Treasurer .....	409.00	591.00
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Security deposits .....	1,913.15
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Special deposits .....	100.00
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Rental collection .....	3,914.52
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Kelly Branch fund .....	27.16
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Less: Accrued interest not yet reimbursed.....	23.51	3.65
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Ryder fund income.....	204.79
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Beecher fund income.....	9.50
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Jackson fund income.....	24.54
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Cash on hand and in banks as per library books, Dec. 31, 1920.....		6,761.15
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## LIST OF SECURITIES

No. of Bonds	Description	Rate	Matu- rity	Denomi- nation	Par value
7	Lincoln Park, Town of N. Chicago..	4%	1925	\$1,000	\$ 7,000.00
39	Lincoln Park, Town of Lake View..	4%	1923	1,000	39,000.00
2	Lincoln Park Commissioners.....	4%	1931	1,000	2,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1927	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1928	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1929	1,000	15,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1924	1,000	5,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1925	1,000	5,000.00
8	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1926	1,000	8,000.00
1	City of Chicago, judgment refunding.	4½%	1927	1,000	1,000.00
1	City of Chicago, Ashland Ave. Im- provement .....	4%	1929	1,000	1,000.00
7	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1922	1,000	7,000.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1923	1,000	3,000.00
16	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1926	1,000	16,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
15	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1930	1,000	15,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	4,000.00
27	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	27,000.00
5	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	5,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	4,000.00
10	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1931	1,000	10,000.00
10	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	10,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1921	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
4	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	4,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1924	1,000	8,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1927	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Chicago Park Commissioners..	4%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Chicago Park Commissioners..	4%	1925	1,000	1,000.00
3	School District No. 39, Cook County..	4%	1922	500	1,500.00
1	Central Pacific Railway Co.....	4%	1949	500	500.00
1	North Shore Electric Co.....	5%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
8	United States 3d Liberty Loan.....	4¼%	1928	1,000	8,000.00
1	United States 3d Liberty Loan.....	4¼%	1928	100	100.00
1	United States 3d Liberty Loan.....	4¼%	1928	50	50.00
12	United States 4th Liberty Loan.....	4¼%	1938	1,000	12,000.00
4	United States 4th Liberty Loan.....	4¼%	1938	500	2,000.00
3	United States Victory Liberty Loan..	4¾%	1923	5,000	15,000.00
	Certificate of Deposit No. D-11787...				334.55
					<hr/> \$280,484.55

Chicago, January 24, 1921.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN: We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the year ended December 31, 1920, and find them to be correct.

We were permitted by the City Treasurer's office to examine the Library account in the books of the City, and we found that the receipts of interest, taxes, etc., entered therein agreed with the receipts in the Library books.

In company with one of the Directors and the Secretary, we inspected the securities representing the various investments, all of which were produced to us.

We also examined the foregoing statements and compared them with the books, vouchers and securities, and we certify them to be correct.

Yours very truly,

UNITED STATES AUDIT CO.,

WHITNEY B. FLERSHEM,

*Certified Public Accountant.*

#### BOOKS

Number of books in library Jan. 1, 1920.....	1,012,043
Number of books purchased the past year.....	126,990
Number of books donated the past year.....	7,032
Number of books found and money refunded..	614
Number of books received from other sources.	3,214
Total number of books added the past year..	137,850
Number of books worn out the past year.....	46,746
Number of books deducted (put in duplicate room) .....	1,045
Number of books delinquent 1918-1919.....	2,417
Number of books missing 1918-1919.....	18,153
Number of books lost and paid for.....	6,240
Total number of books subtracted the past year	74,601
Total net additions the past year.....	63,249
Total number of books in library Jan. 1, 1921..	1,075,292

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. WILSON, *Secretary.*

State of Illinois, }  
County of Cook. } ss.

I, H. G. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. WILSON.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 24th day of January, A. D. 1921.

GEORGE B. UTLEY,  
*Notary Public.*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN: Herewith I have the honor of submitting the forty-ninth annual report upon the activities of the Library during the year beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 1921.

### HOME CIRCULATION

	Agencies		Volumes	
	1919	1920	1919	1920
Central Library .....	1	1	827,353	859,998
Branches .....	44	45	4,082,015	4,090,508
High school libraries.....	6	7	332,638	320,616
Traveling libraries .....	70	69	1,058,793	992,053
Deposit stations .....	85	112	333,712	337,642
Schoolroom deposits .....	1336	1542	419,381	606,090
Delivery stations .....	23	16	123,986	88,943
Delivery stations in branches, 45.....			163,180	179,280
Delivery stations in high schools, 1.....			2,411	3,230
Delivery stations in deposits, 46.....			136,998	134,198
Branch reference .....			28,800	39,370
Total .....	1565	1792	7,509,267	7,651,928
Daily average circulation.....			24,702	25,006
Total increase .....				142,661
Registered card holders:				
General .....			219,267	226,649
Local .....			54,508	59,920
Industrial deposits .....			28,160	37,164
Schools .....			60,120	69,840
Total .....			362,055	393,573

Analysis of the separate items in the foregoing tables shows marked fluctuations in the home circulation secured during the past year through the several agencies enumerated, as compared with the previous twelve months, and indicates a total gain in circulation of but two per cent in the entire system. The Central Library shows a fair increase, but the circulation in the branches exceeded that of the year before by less than 8,000 volumes in a total of over four millions. This insignificant gain in the effectiveness of our most far-reaching agencies is directly due to the continued and aggravated shortage of competent help which resulted, in October, in the closing of six of the smaller branches for the remainder of the year because of sheer inability to recruit a staff. The branches closed were Palmer Park, Forestville School, Scanlan School, Stanford Park, Davis Square and Pulaski Park. In 1919 these branches returned an aggregate annual circulation of nearly 270,000 volumes, and their discontinuance for two of the busiest months undoubtedly accounts for a proportionate part of the decrease. In one other small



branch the hours of opening were shortened for the same reason. Added to this was the difficulty of keeping an adequate book supply in commission because of the frail makeup and inferior paper that has characterized many of the modern popular books. Heavy use soon reduced these poorly constructed volumes to irretrievable ruins and the book fund was unequal to the strain of replacing them with new copies in sufficient quantities. All of the branches, therefore, were continuously understocked, and many a discouraged patron was sent away empty-handed. At the present writing the number of volumes required for urgent replacements in the branches alone is more than fifty thousand. A process of reinforcing new copies of heavily used books was applied in an effort to improve the situation, but in many instances the original material was found to be so inferior that the added strengthening proved insufficient to prolong the life of the volume to any profitable extent. Some books reinforced in June were actually returned, completely destroyed, in less than three months.

The seven high school libraries remained closed by order of the Board from the beginning of the current school year in September until November 1st, when they were reopened in pursuance of an understanding with the Board of Education that the latter body would arrange to contribute to their support after January 1, 1921. The suspension of activities in the high school libraries during the two months noted resulted in a decrease in the total annual use of over twelve thousand volumes as compared with the previous year, and this figure would probably have been greatly exceeded, had they been opened for the full year.

It is greatly to be regretted that circumstances beyond our control are forcing the Board to the conclusion that we can no longer continue the maintenance of our seven high school libraries. But, in the face of pressing and numerous calls for larger and more extended library service to the public at large, it has finally become inevitable that the decision should have to be made that the operation of these highly specialized installations, serving only the faculties and student body, open only on school days and during school hours, and closed at all times to the general public, could not be continued by the Public Library at the expense of its own obvious responsibilities to the general body of its constituents. The division of support, under which the Library paid all salaries, bought all books and met all expenses incidental to the administration and maintenance of the high school libraries, while the schools supplied only the quarters, with heat, light and janitor service, proved not only inequitable but burdensome in the present condition of the Library revenue. Until, therefore, more adequate provision can be made, from a special appropriation either by the Board of Education or the Library, the continuance of the seven high school libraries now

in being seems impossible, while the prospect of supplying similar service in the rest of our twenty-four high schools becomes correspondingly remote. Meanwhile the Public Library has effectively demonstrated not only the great importance and value of properly conducted libraries in high schools, but, as well, the wisdom of conducting them as part of the public library system. It is to be hoped that the means may be found without delay to make possible the resumption of this splendid and profitable, but very special and intensive, branch of library service, under the direct control of the Public Library and with a special and ample fund for its proper development.

#### THE HENRY E. LEGLER REGIONAL BRANCH

The one event of the year to which we may point with pride is the completion and opening of the first of the Regional Branches, fitly named for Henry E. Legler, who first proposed the regional system and developed plans for the erection of one branch of this type in each of five principal districts.

The theory of the regional branch had its origin in the exigencies of the Chicago library situation and is probably not applicable elsewhere in anything like the same degree. Chicago has never enjoyed the favor of large donors whose systematic benefactions have provided the means for adequate branch developments and comprehensive building programs in other cities. Such extension as has been possible here was accomplished by the utilization of free space in parks and schools, usually much too small and always poorly adapted to library service. These were supplemented by rented stores whose one advantage of location is most often counterbalanced by the lack of all other facilities for the accommodation of large numbers of persons, comprising both children and adults. Most of our small branches are thus little more than circulation centers in which the harassed librarians are primarily concerned with handling large and clamorous crowds in congested quarters. Reference work, facilities for study, and attention to individual needs are difficult under such conditions, and such conditions prevail in all but four or five of our forty-five branches.

Since the only prospect of securing a building fund seems to lie in the slow accumulation of possible unexpended balances from the annual revenue, it follows that the chances of replacing these meagre and feeble agencies with more effective installations are exceedingly remote. In prosperous times it was hoped that one branch might be built every two or three years. In ten years, therefore, Chicago might perhaps look forward to owning five properly planned branch library buildings. In these circumstances it was wisely resolved to place one large and well equipped branch in each of five main divisions, to become the center or

nucleus of library service, and thus to reinforce the meagre resources of our little branches with ample collections near enough at hand to be quickly sent for or to which patrons could be referred. Other library activities, impossible in the one-room installations, such as seminar work with schools and colleges, clubs, reading circles, work with foreigners and with other special groups, all conducted on a large and complete scale, are to be centered in these Regional Branches. Stack capacity will be large; that of the Henry E. Legler Branch is more than 60,000 volumes. Spacious workrooms are provided to house such activities as school deposit and traveling library work, and ample space for groups of students or other public assemblages is planned for. In this manner it is contemplated to centralize in one of each of five complete and properly equipped regional branches all such intensive and extensive library work covering an entire district as more fortunate cities are enabled to do effectively and independently in each of their several branches. The Chicago plan does not make for economy in administration and will probably not be widely copied. It is more or less an experiment, born of our necessities and expressing our desire to make a beginning, at least, upon the great tasks that lie ready to be undertaken all about us.

For the present the unfortunate contraction of our revenues has prevented the full development of these plans in the Henry E. Legler Branch, opened to the public on Chicago Day, October 9, 1920. Functioning simply as a neighborhood library, this beautiful branch has meanwhile justified its location and equipment by showing a daily use greater than that of any other branch in Chicago and indicating an annual circulation of well over three hundred thousand volumes. A brief description, together with photographs of the new building, the largest and finest library branch building in the city, and one of the largest and handsomest in the country, is included here as a matter of record.

The new branch occupies a site on Crawford Avenue, comprising the block between Wilcox Avenue and West Monroe Street, exactly five miles west of the central library. In point of accessibility this location is unusually favorable, being reached by main-travelled roads, trolley lines and boulevards from all directions. Surrounding it is a populous residence district with thriving retail streets and, just beyond, large foreign sections. Numerous schools, public, private and parochial, and many professional institutions, especially medical and theological, are found within a radius of two miles. Opportunities for library service of great variety and extent are therefore not wanting.

The building is in English style of the Georgian period, built of tapestry brick with stone trimming, and measures 185 feet in length by 76 feet in depth, the facade rising to a height of 40 feet.

Two principal reading rooms, 65 by 35 feet, occupy the wings on the main floor, the central portion or rotunda containing a large charging desk and, behind the latter, a two-deck Snead book stack. Small work rooms and offices flank the stack on either side. Beneath is a spacious basement, in the south end of which is a cheerful story hour room, directly below the children's reading room and connected with it by a special staircase. A separate entrance for children leads to this story hour room. The remainder of the basement is fitted with deep steel bins capable of holding 100,000 volumes, and here the entire school collection is housed during the vacation months, to be revised, repaired and redistributed. The transfer of the school deposits to the new building has not only relieved the congestion in the main library, but has, through the provision of better quarters and equipment, served to facilitate and expedite this work to a very marked degree. A garage for two auto trucks built into the southeast corner of the building, and an automatic elevator, provide for easy and rapid transporting and shipping of books in large or small quantities. The second floor contains, besides two large rooms corresponding to the reading rooms below, a staff rest room and a commodious work room. The building was erected under a general contract at a cost of \$185,000. Building operations were begun in March, 1919, and completed in October, 1920. Considering industrial conditions and costs during this period, the amount both of money and time required for the construction of the Henry E. Legler Branch may be regarded as reasonable and satisfactory.

# REFERENCE USE OF MAIN LIBRARY

## Volumes consulted:

	1919	1920
Reference room .....	306,982	321,801
Women's study room.....	14,394	15,087
Art room .....	49,333	54,618
Civics room .....	195,683	327,971
Patents room .....	56,041	58,644
Bound newspapers .....	5,361	6,509
Current periodicals .....	125,684	120,881
Total reference use.....	753,478	905,511

The increase in reference use has been heavy, part of it, no doubt, due to the closing of the John Crerar Library during its removal to the new building that now towers above us, our neighbor, just across Randolph Street, on the north. The reopening of this great reference library in its beautiful new quarters raises certain problems of co-operation and division of field that we hope to work out to the advantage of both libraries as well as that of the public.

The Short Loan Desk, which is our designation for the reference work with branches and other outside agencies, including

particularly the business house libraries, reports 39,370 volumes issued in response to requests; 12,127 reference questions filled, and 5,632 telephone calls received and answered.

The Music Room continues to enjoy the favor and patronage of a steadily growing and most appreciative clientele. The collection now numbers 5,904 bound volumes and 13,147 pieces of sheet music. Circulation for the year aggregated 10,020 volumes and 27,739 pieces. The number of specially registered music borrowers to date is 4,472, 1,977 new registrations having been added during the current year.

The Thomas Hughes Room for Young People reports a circulation of 59,279 volumes and 31,692 pictures from the Picture Collection, as against 56,201 volumes and 28,898 pictures for the previous year. The use of this room by teachers continues to grow in numbers and appreciation. The establishment of a teachers' department is still among our most urgent needs.

The tremendous gain in the use of the Civics and Documents Division, as shown in the foregoing table, deserves attention. In part this increase is accounted for by the closing of the John Crerar Library, but much of it is normal growth resulting from the ever widening activities of this interesting department. The departmental report notes that "the trend is insistent toward business as a subject of research. It is interesting to note that we receive many requests for the various 'services,' two of which, the Prentice-Hall and the Business Digest Service, were added during the year and were found very useful in our work. We have also succeeded in being placed on the free mailing lists of American chambers of commerce in various foreign countries, among them being those of Hong Kong, Paris, Berlin and Rio Janeiro. These are very much appreciated by our business patrons."

In the Documents Division a beginning was made upon the preparation of a card catalog of U. S. publications, a very much needed addition to our equipment. With the use of Library of Congress cards this will not be quite so stupendous an undertaking as it seems, though, to be done satisfactorily and with reasonable dispatch, it will require a staff of size and capacities very difficult to recruit at this time. Meanwhile a complete shelf list has been contrived out of the printed "Checklist" supplemented by cards from 1910 to date, and an alphabetical list of departments, bureaus, committees, divisions and commissions has been compiled, giving class and number of each publication issued.

The circulating document collection now comprises 11,284 titles, and continues to grow in use and in the "spontaneous commendations which have come from business men, social workers and teachers, of the privileges of this collection."

The collection of books for the blind now numbers 2,656 volumes, comprising 984 volumes in American Braille Print, 1,004 in Moon Type, 228 in American Line, 255 in New York Point, 3 in European Braille and 182 in Revised Braille Grade 1½. Three hundred and sixty-five volumes were added during the year. There were circulated for home use 12,060 volumes; 76 volumes were used at the Central Library.

### GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

Number of volumes in Library December 31, 1919.....	1,012,043
Accessions to December 31, 1920, viz.:	
Purchased .....	126,990
Gifts .....	7,032
Binding, periodicals.....	816
Binding, pamphlets, etc.....	139
Exchange .....	33
Lost and recovered.....	1,032
Lost and recovered, cost refunded.....	614
Replaced by borrowers and guarantors.....	119
Transferred from Rental Collection.....	1,062
Transferred from Duplicate Room.....	13
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	137,850
Gross accessions .....	1,149,893
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<i>Deductions</i>	
Worn out and withdrawn.....	46,746
Deducted (put in duplicate room).....	1,045
Lost and paid for.....	6,240
Unaccounted for, 1918-1919.....	18,153
Delinquent, 1918-19 .....	2,417
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	74,601
Volumes in Library, December 31, 1920.....	1,075,292
Cost of books.....	\$105,465.93
Cost of periodicals .....	15,925.01
Cost of binding.....	55,331.49

### Catalog Department

New titles cataloged.....	5,010
Recataloged .....	339
Additions and corrections.....	4,539
Replacements, extra copies, continuations.....	16,007
Cards added to public card catalog.....	27,806
Cards added to official card catalog.....	14,565
Cards added to music card catalog.....	2,326
Library of Congress cards ordered: 22,252; received.....	19,132
Multigraphed: lists, 8; total copies.....	1,015
Multigraphed: cards .....	16,354

### Bindery Department

Number of volumes bound or rebound.....	98,430
Repaired at binderies.....	1,751
Repaired in department.....	49,324
Relabeled and dateslipped.....	51,330
Stamped call numbers.....	119

Bids received at the usual time for renewing contracts showed a twenty to seventy-five per cent increase in the prices asked for bindings of all grades. Conditions in the labor and material market, moreover, obliged one firm to withdraw from the work and the rest to reduce their indicated capacity to a figure that made it necessary to find new binders willing to take library binding. This was done, and several new firms became interested in our work. Our binding and rebinding, however, cost us more than ever before and this is partly responsible for the deficit confronting us at the end of the year.

A scheme of reinforcing new books at a cost of 24 to 28 cents per volume has been employed with only fair success, chiefly because of the very inferior quality of paper and cover material used in current books, many of which actually fell to pieces in the process and had to be rebound at once. This was particularly true of books published in continental Europe.

#### ADMINISTRATION

The total number of employees on the Library roster at the end of the year was 629, including 6 engineers and assistants, 41 janitors and janitresses, 8 branch janitors, 6 auto-truck drivers and 6 elevator operators. In the Library service proper, by far the largest class is that of junior assistants, nearly all of whom are totally untrained. A seriously large number of our best assistants in the higher grades was drawn away from us by tempting offers from business firms in search of librarians for their own office libraries at salaries that made it impossible for us to hold them. Our training class justified its cost many times over by supplying emergency help that partially filled the many gaps in the staff, but the number of vacancies constantly occurring is still serious and most difficult to overcome. While some relief may be looked for in the gradual relaxation of industrial conditions, the reorganization of our large staff upon anything like a reasonable scale of efficiency, in numbers as well as quality, is still the most puzzling and vexatious problem we have confronting us. Meanwhile, too much cannot be said in praise of the splendid spirit of devotion uniformly displayed by our overworked forces, oppressed by the burden of ever-increasing demands for service from a rapidly growing constituency in all parts of the city. Our hope for the future rests solely upon their continued zeal and loyalty. To foster and maintain these indispensable qualities must appeal to the Board as among its primary responsibilities and to the Librarian as his chief duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CARL B. RODEN, *Librarian.*

Chicago, January 24, 1921.





# TABLE OF HOME CIRC

	Branch	No. of vols.			Circulation—Juvenile			Circulation—Ad.	
		Juvenile	Adult	Total	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total	Fiction	Non-Fiction
1	Woodlawn.....	5,835	10,234	16,069	64,771	19,124	83,895	123,896	38,070
2	Sheridan.....	4,008	7,511	11,519	57,210	17,471	74,681	100,962	31,881
3	Kelly.....	5,544	10,678	16,222	61,409	20,431	81,840	87,981	30,693
4	Douglas.....	5,281	6,501	11,782	68,722	27,338	96,060	61,750	21,534
5	Lewis Inst.....	4,459	10,479	14,938	44,485	18,291	62,776	79,743	32,698
6	Humboldt.....	4,901	5,754	10,655	66,589	31,641	98,230	50,856	20,846
7	Austin.....	4,684	8,251	12,935	47,283	15,844	63,127	69,430	29,512
8	Blackstone.....	4,048	16,500	20,548	30,425	8,750	39,175	71,455	33,293
9	Logan Square.....	4,287	5,434	9,721	53,514	21,266	74,780	50,701	16,802
10	W. North Ave.....	4,955	3,664	8,619	59,110	25,624	84,734	44,670	11,181
11	Rogers Pk.....	3,778	4,954	8,732	35,096	12,164	47,260	54,254	19,647
12	Ogden Pk.....	3,082	4,597	7,679	44,054	17,078	61,132	42,083	13,307
13	W. 26th St.....	10,319	6,194	16,513	44,543	30,280	74,823	22,430	18,541
14	Lincoln Center...	2,923	7,556	10,479	30,429	13,769	44,198	49,226	16,935
15	Butler House...	2,621	2,529	5,150	38,679	16,274	54,953	37,714	10,894
16	Hamilton.....	2,651	3,943	6,594	36,646	13,238	49,884	38,411	11,903
17	Bessemer Pk.....	2,097	2,010	4,107	33,005	13,903	46,908	27,696	13,742
18	Sherman.....	2,670	2,753	5,423	38,579	15,107	53,686	23,706	8,710
19	Holstein.....	3,014	2,157	5,171	34,325	23,513	57,838	14,661	12,486
20	Shedd Pk.....	2,221	1,901	4,122	40,419	14,438	54,857	21,863	7,076
21	Hebrew Inst.....	3,651	4,749	8,400	35,058	14,155	49,213	21,556	10,381
22	Mark White Sq.....	1,997	2,332	4,329	30,369	17,418	47,787	18,046	7,841
23	Legler.....	12,622	10,378	23,000	32,850	10,478	43,328	21,213	8,432
24	Independence.....	1,841	2,167	4,008	27,683	9,018	36,701	27,903	7,618
25	Seward.....	2,362	2,743	5,105	24,138	11,344	35,482	25,405	6,879
26	Burr School.....	2,827	2,841	5,668	25,513	20,816	46,329	12,279	8,987
27	Morse School.....	2,054	1,609	3,663	29,300	14,418	43,718	17,491	5,274
28	Hamlin.....	2,869	3,057	5,926	29,086	12,957	42,043	16,461	7,067
29	Sumner School...	2,182	2,422	4,604	27,079	9,433	36,512	21,159	6,527
30	Dvorak Park.....	1,349	2,359	3,708	25,976	13,177	39,153	13,044	11,002
31	Kosciuszko.....	1,814	1,490	3,304	23,843	14,201	38,044	13,715	7,843
32	Eckhart Park...	1,852	3,029	4,881	16,436	9,779	26,215	16,890	13,284
33	Fuller Park.....	2,735	3,371	6,106	23,477	7,728	31,205	17,814	6,075
34	Cornell Square...	1,360	1,762	3,122	20,275	10,570	30,845	13,365	5,583
35	McKinley Park...	2,121	1,403	3,524	22,685	6,834	29,519	16,895	3,308
36	Walker.....	2,194	5,696	7,890	14,342	6,177	20,519	18,510	8,123
37	Stanton.....	1,845	1,829	3,674	14,714	12,167	26,881	11,280	6,296
38	Hardin Square...	2,370	2,129	4,499	15,547	9,868	25,415	13,875	4,387
39	Palmer Park.....	1,955	2,188	4,143	16,991	4,983	21,974	14,380	3,548
40	Pulaski Park.....	1,820	1,774	3,594	11,948	9,419	21,367	6,960	7,905
41	Armour Square...	1,402	2,047	3,449	12,835	5,015	17,850	10,292	3,095
42	Scanlan School...	2,245	1,358	3,603	11,089	9,962	21,051	5,199	2,650
43	Stanford.....	2,294	2,743	5,037	12,999	4,224	17,223	7,698	3,535
44	Davis Square.....	1,786	1,642	3,428	7,617	10,477	18,094	4,456	2,747
45	Forestville.....	1,713	1,096	2,809	7,914	5,298	13,212	4,257	1,749
Total.....		146,638	191,814	338,452	1,449,057	635,460	2,084,517	1,443,634	560,947

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<sup>2</sup> Closed since June 26th.

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The column headed "Turnover" indicates ratio of circulation to total book stock, i. e., how many times

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	Grand Total. Direct Circ.	Gain	Loss	%	Turn- over	Station Circ.	Attend- ance	Pictures		Branch
								Collection	Cir- culation	
966	245,861		18		15	10,933	151,643	3,930	6,511	Woodlawn.
843	207,524	9,063		4	18	4,964	88,733	2,847	2,340	Sheridan.
674	200,514		14,606	7	12	3,858	132,407	8,625	8,416	Kelly.
284	179,344		28,689	16	15	29,482	174,579	6,754	29,811	Douglas.
441	175,217	1,886		1	12	6,953	143,528	4,373	13,176	Lewis Inst.
702	169,932		24,776	15	16	28,842	134,969	5,511	21,309	Humboldt.
942	162,069	6,204		4	13	3,998	65,688	3,444	1,796	Austin.
748	143,923		2,014	1	7	4,718	110,509	6,800	4,847	Blackstone.
503	142,283	8,151		6	15	3,859	49,946	1,498	1,490	Logan Square.
551	140,585	2,679		2	16	3,530	56,360	469	437	W. North Ave.
901	121,161		1,544	1	14	1,938	41,992	530	152	Rogers Pk.
890	116,522		10,932	9	15	1,708	73,875	3,250	1,985	Ogden Pk.
971	115,794		8,641	7	7	1,063	52,094	2,964	7,731	W. 26th St.
161	110,359	6,232		6	11	3,716	53,701	2,100	2,470	Lincoln Center.
908	103,561	57,310		55	20	2,016	40,565	787	409	Butler House.
474	100,258	690			15	3,038	66,374	2,371	6,324	Hamilton.
374	88,346	11,153		13	22	3,274	50,532	9,261	27,305	Bessemer Pk.
416	86,102	1,014		1	16	2,488	64,712	3,703	7,617	Sherman.
447	84,985	14,352		16	16	1,649	42,969			Holstein.
339	83,796	12,804		15	20	2,798	33,237	1,500	811	Shedd Pk.
337	81,150		10,643	13	10	4,843	78,640	2,364	721	Hebrew Inst.
787	73,674	6,170		8	17	1,966	41,378	1,000	1,285	Mark White Sq.
455	72,973	72,973			3	656	37,459		47	'Legler.
24	72,225	4,742		7	18	1,999	33,867	1,868	1,063	Independence.
74	67,766		7,585	11	13	5,414	75,703	849		Seward.
86	67,595		7,669	11	12	3,593	67,189	2,046	1,350	Burr School.
65	66,483		1,219	2	18	3,574	57,034	1,915	1,194	Morse School.
28	65,571		3,893	6	11	1,619	44,030	150	101	Hamlin.
74	64,198	3,144		5	14	2,608	49,937	2,200	3,839	Sumner School.
46	63,199	5,239		8	17	2,048	52,906	1,910	5,239	Dvorak Park.
558	59,602	3,374		6	18	616	47,732	1,325	3,197	Kosciuszko.
4	56,389		332		12	6,765	60,836	290	497	Eckhart Park.
89	55,094		1,661	3	9	2,144	47,113	1,650	2,969	Fuller Park.
48	50,793	3,535		7	16	4,065	49,824	250	135	Cornell Square.
33	49,722		137		14	751	50,412	700	675	McKinley Pk.
03	47,152	1,930		4	6	1,045	16,057	186	50	Walker.
76	44,457		2,347	5	12	2,383	39,559	12	112	Stanton.
2	43,677		6,048	14	10	1,758	45,981	1,640	1,332	Hardin Square.
82	39,902		14,037	35	10	887	34,046	50	18	*Palmer Park.
55	36,232		13,535	37	10	864	32,774	2,766	738	*Pulaski Park.
87	31,237		1,330	4	9	1,750	31,354	300	345	Armour Square.
49	28,900		26,396	91	8	401	35,213	955	5,056	*Scanlan.
33	28,456		13,429	48	6	1,409	37,684	1,625	37	*Stanford.
03	25,297		4,311	17	7	744	29,368	770	1,260	*Davis Square.
96	19,218		19,770	103	7	553	16,935	1,926	1,858	*Forestville.
81	4,089,098	232,645	225,562			179,280	2,714,444	99,464	178,045	

Names of branches arranged in order of total use.  
 Section was "turned over."



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## ANALYSIS OF ADULT CIRCULATION IN BRANCHES

Branch	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	910	920	Fic.	Mag.
1 Woodlawn.....	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	3
2 Sheridan.....	2	1	6	9	5	4	4	3	3	1	3	2	12
3 Kelly.....	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	4	5	6	4	3	2
4 Lewis Inst.....	2	2	2	2	1	1	6	5	7	4	6	4	4
5 Blackstone.....	3	5	5	4	10	7	1	2	2	3	1	5	10
6 Austin.....	5	8	4	8	3	5	5	6	4	5	5	6	1
7 Douglas.....	7	9	7	10	7	8	13	7	6	9	9	7	33
8 Rogers Pk.....	6	11	11	12	12	6	12	9	8	7	8	8	5
9 Humboldt.....	10	7	8	15	9	9	16	10	9	8	10	9	27
10 Logan Square.....	9	14	12	21	8	11	7	12	14	12	13	10	15
11 Lincoln C.....	8	6	9	3	13	13	11	8	17	11	7	11	24
12 W. North Ave.....	11	13	16	14	11	12	10	17	11	13	15	12	32
13 Ogden Pk.....	14	21	20	24	14	14	15	15	10	14	12	13	11
14 Hamilton.....	12	12	14	18	16	17	14	11	12	12	14	14	20
15 Butler House.....	15	15	21	17	21	23	23	13	15	15	18	15	13
16 Bessemer Pk.....	17	10	10	11	22	16	9	16	24	23	11	17	9
17 W. 26th St.....	23	23	13	6	6	10	8	18	13	10	17	20	7
18 Independence.....	22	18	26	31	28	32	24	29	20	29	31	16	18
19 Sherman.....	18	33	15	16	17	20	18	20	16	18	22	19	29
20 Seward Pk.....	21	25	28	19	32	24	35	26	23	24	25	18	28
21 Hebrew Inst.....	16	16	22	22	23	31	31	14	26	28	19	22	31
22 Eckhart Park.....	20	26	18	13	20	19	20	21	18	22	20	30	6
<sup>1</sup> 23 Legler.....	13	17	17	7	19	15	17	19	28	17	16	23	42
24 Shedd Pk.....	19	36	27	16	24	29	28	27	19	21	23	21	36
25 Sumner School.....	34	24	29	35	29	22	33	25	30	16	33	24	22
26 Holstein.....	28	29	33	26	31	27	19	36	33	35	26	32	8
27 Walker.....	33	19	19	26	15	21	22	22	39	25	21	25	16
28 M. White Sq.....	24	28	24	35	38	33	30	32	25	31	28	26	26
29 Dvorak Pk.....	27	32	25	23	25	25	26	28	32	33	29	37	19
30 Fuller Pk.....	30	22	30	30	33	35	29	24	27	27	27	27	30
31 Hamlin.....	25	19	36	26	18	26	25	31	31	26	30	31	34
32 Morse School.....	35	27	35	39	34	38	37	34	22	30	40	28	25
33 Kosciuszko.....	34	40	34	28	35	34	35	33	29	32	39	35	14
34 Burr School.....	26	20	23	20	26	18	21	23	40	19	32	38	23
35 McKinley.....	36	37	42	29	30	42	38	43	36	37	37	29	40
36 Cornell Sq.....	38	33	31	38	27	28	27	30	21	20	24	36	35
37 Hardin Sq.....	36	38	38	37	39	40	32	35	38	35	34	34	37
<sup>3</sup> 38 Palmer Pk.....	29	33	39	34	36	37	40	42	37	39	36	33	39
39 Stanton.....	41	34	44	19	41	39	36	39	41	34	41	39	17
<sup>3</sup> 40 Pulaski Pk.....	37	30	41	33	40	36	34	37	35	36	42	42	21
41 Armour Sq.....	32	38	37	36	37	41	41	38	34	40	38	40	44
<sup>3</sup> 42 Stanford Pk.....	31	35	32	32	39	30	43	40	43	42	35	41	43
<sup>2</sup> 43 Scanlan.....	40	31	45	25	42	44	39	44	44	38	43	43	38
<sup>3</sup> 44 Davis Square.....	42	39	43	27	43	43	42	45	45	43	45	44	41
<sup>2</sup> 45 Forestville.....	39	41	40	40	44	45	44	41	42	41	44	45	45

Names of Branches arranged in order of total adult use.

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## BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS

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## ANALYSIS OF JUVENILE CIRCULATION IN BRANCHES

	Branch	100	200	300	398	400	500	600	700	800	900	910	920	Fic.	Mag.
1	Humboldt.....	5	1	3	1	...	2	3	6	2	5	1	1	2	9
2	Douglas.....	1	4	5	4	...	5	2	1	3	4	2	2	1	45
3	W. North Ave..	17	9	4	2	...	7	4	2	17	6	4	14	5	21
4	Woodlawn.....	16	13	16	18	...	9	5	5	6	2	7	4	3	24
5	Kelly.....	14	14	8	9	...	4	7	11	9	11	10	12	4	4
6	W. 26th St....	4	5	13	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	3	9	31
7	Logan Square..	10	8	7	7	...	3	15	4	8	10	13	10	7	12
8	Sheridan.....	13	21	26	11	...	10	11	9	11	12	20	11	6	33
9	Austin.....	18	27	28	19	...	6	9	7	10	14	18	23	8	25
10	Lewis Inst.....	7	18	27	6	...	13	14	22	14	19	6	16	10	36
11	Ogden Pk.....	10	20	14	16	...	11	8	16	13	9	11	22	11	10
12	Holstein.....	3	3	6	8	4	8	6	8	5	3	8	5	18	3
13	Butler House..	19	17	2	14	...	18	12	17	21	17	39	15	13	7
14	Shedd Pk.....	22	29	19	13	...	29	10	12	29	21	19	20	12	29
15	Sherman.....	8	10	17	30	...	14	13	15	15	7	5	7	14	19
16	Hamilton.....	15	22	30	32	...	15	16	18	19	16	9	26	15	5
17	Hebrew Inst....	13	2	37	22	...	16	17	33	32	13	21	9	17	2
18	Mark White Sq.	21	12	15	5	...	23	29	25	12	28	23	13	23	20
19	Rogers Pk.....	19	30	25	27	...	19	27	14	26	18	30	19	16	27
20	Bessemer Pk....	2	37	21	24	6	32	24	10	7	32	17	18	19	8
21	Burr School....	16	7	1	10	...	20	22	19	4	8	15	21	29	18
22	Morse School..	19	34	10	21	...	21	19	13	25	20	16	24	24	26
23	Lincoln C.....	6	16	22	20	...	24	26	20	16	22	22	27	21	23
24	Legler.....	24	31	20	26	3	42	21	29	24	37	31	37	20	43
25	Hamlin.....	19	35	9	17	...	25	31	23	18	41	28	31	25	42
26	Blackstone....	18	33	42	37	5	28	37	26	36	23	25	25	22	41
27	Dvorak Pk....	13	11	35	31	...	17	38	24	27	24	14	17	28	1
28	Kosciusko.....	11	23	11	15	...	30	18	21	33	25	36	32	31	17
29	Independence..	22	25	34	33	...	31	36	31	28	42	35	36	26	34
30	Sumner Sch....	22	40	32	35	...	34	20	41	30	35	24	34	27	16
31	Seward Pk.....	12	26	29	28	...	37	28	32	20	27	27	8	30	35
32	Fuller Pk.....	20	36	41	38	...	40	35	39	37	29	12	28	32	40
33	Cornell Square.	7	24	12	36	...	12	34	35	23	33	26	35	34	32
34	McKinley Pk..	22	32	45	39	...	36	32	34	41	31	38	33	33	13
35	Stanton.....	9	15	23	12	...	44	41	38	35	39	32	44	38	6
36	Eckhart Pk....	7	6	36	40	...	27	23	27	30	15	33	6	36	22
37	Hardin Square.	20	24	31	29	...	33	30	40	34	30	31	29	37	30
38	Palmer Pk.....	24	44	43	44	...	35	36	45	42	38	42	43	35	39
39	Pulaski Pk....	17	19	33	34	...	26	25	30	39	34	29	30	42	28
40	Scanlan School.	...	42	18	25	...	38	39	42	31	40	34	42	43	14
41	Walker.....	23	43	40	42	...	39	33	36	38	26	37	45	39	11
42	Davis Square..	15	28	24	23	...	22	40	37	22	36	44	38	45	37
43	Armour Square.	14	41	39	43	...	43	44	44	43	43	41	39	41	15
44	Stanford Pk...	20	38	44	45	2	45	42	43	44	45	40	40	40	38
45	Forestville....	19	39	38	41	...	41	43	28	40	44	43	41	44	44

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DEPARTMENT OF DEPOSITS

*Traveling Libraries*

Albany Park .....	16,352	Kelvin Grove .....	4,509
Argyle .....	9,163	Lakeview .....	5,473
Armitage .....	8,111	Lamon Ave. ....	4,589
Association House .....	44,848	Larrabee .....	18,183
Avondale .....	22,344	Lawndale .....	29,311
Birchwood .....	49,250	Le Moyne .....	22,389
*Campbell Park .....	6,125	Longwood .....	9,923
Center Street .....	2,437	Madison St. ....	9,760
Cheltenham .....	20,247	Mayfair .....	12,767
Chicago Ave. ....	7,427	Montrose .....	17,756
Chicago Lawn .....	32,950	N. Clark St. ....	6,605
Cicero Ave. ....	12,988	Norwood Park .....	9,111
Cleveland .....	18,371	Park Manor .....	48,280
Colorado Ave. ....	4,447	Ravenswood .....	27,232
Dauphin Park .....	15,867	St. Louis .....	9,080
Diversey Ave. ....	5,599	*Samaritan .....	11,714
*Drexel .....	1,879	S. Ashland .....	19,738
Dunning .....	18,787	S. Western .....	8,870
E. Rogers Park .....	15,274	Southport .....	9,880
E. 61st St. ....	9,028	Trumbull Park .....	14,942
E. 31st St. ....	1,349	Wakeford .....	11,859
Edison Park .....	12,656	Washington Heights .....	7,272
*Eleanor Social Center ...	7,035	W. Division .....	16,209
Fernwood .....	12,228	W. Englewood .....	446
Gads Hill Center .....	11,145	W. Harrison .....	9,973
Gage Park .....	16,351	W. Pullman .....	30,902
Grand Ave. ....	11,944	W. Ravenswood .....	27,081
Grand Crossing .....	12,354	W. 12th St. ....	29,957
Gresham .....	19,404	W. 16th St. ....	8,977
*Grove .....	5,635	W. 69th St. ....	184
Hegewisch .....	16,657	Wieboldt .....	27,576
Hermosa .....	16,743	Windsor Park .....	10,655
Homan Ave. ....	9,190		
Irving Park .....	8,566	Total .....	992,053
Jefferson Park .....	28,099		

*Business House Libraries*

W. D. Allen Co. ....	932	*Morris & Co. ....	2,956
*American Bank Note Co.	1,343	National Biscuit Co. ....	7,684
Armour Packing Co. ....	18,625	Northern Trust Co. ....	2,251
Automatic Electric Co. ...	3,401	*Peoples Gas Light &	
*Boston Store .....	301	Coke Co. ....	3,099
Butler Bros. ....	8,272	Philipsborn .....	4,346
*J. W. Butler Paper Co. ....	2,832	Post Office .....	5,618
Con. & Com. Bank. ....	10,249	Ed. V. Price. ....	1,705
Alfred Decker & Cohn. ....	822	Rosenwald & Weil. ....	1,567
Deering Harvester Works	9,592	Rothschild & Co. ....	3,576
*R. R. Donnelley & Sons. ...	207	*Schoenbrun & Co. ....	871
Ederheimer Stein & Co. ...	1,234	Sears Roebuck .....	19,130
*Federal Reserve .....	5,436	*A. W. Shaw Co. ....	1,885
Marshall Field .....	28,950	Sprague Warner .....	5,333
*Foley & Co. ....	2,117	A. Stein .....	1,875
*Goodman Mfg. Co. ....	1,638	*Swift & Co. ....	5,954
*G. H. Hammond Co. ....	1,368	Tractor Works .....	7,941

\*Opened during the year.

Hart, Schaffner—Market.	3,331	Union Trust .....	1,248
*Hart, Schaffner—Franklin	997	*U. of C. Press.....	130
*Hart, Schaffner—Tripp...	3,361	*U. S. Rubber Co.....	333
Hart, Schaffner—Wells...	1,078	*Victor Mfg. Co.....	548
*Illinois Steel Co.....	40	Wahl Co. ....	2,409
Kabo Corset Co.....	2,021	Ward Baking Co. No. 1..	1,067
*L. Klein .....	660	Ward Baking Co. No. 3..	1,683
Kuppenheimer & Co.....	1,659	Ward Baking Co. No. 4..	1,528
*Kuppenheimer No. 2.....	717	Western Electric Co.....	8,250
La Salle Extension.....	6,605	Western Union .....	3,361
Mail Order Co.....	3,980	Wm. Wrigley Co.....	2,356
Mandel Bros. ....	15,497		
*Mitchell Bros. ....	766	Total .....	272,934
Montgomery Ward & Co.	36,199		

*Special Deposits*

*Adriel Meth. Church.....	786	Northern States Mission.	1,242
*American Assn. of Eng..	374	Our Lady of Sorrows....	9,257
Bethany Union .....	5,288	Presbyterian Hospital ...	6,124
Brethren Mission .....	2,562	Rotary Club .....	1,149
*Brotherhood House .....	174	*Ruth Club .....	1,132
Campbell Park .....	323	*St. Mary's H. S.....	340
*Chicago Synagogues.....	348	*Salvatic. Army Tr. Col..	120
City Club .....	60	*Scout Troop 840.....	787
De Paul University.....	3,131	School of Domestic Sci..	57
Douglas Park Mission....	1,386	*Tuley H. S.....	150
Eleanor Soc. Cen.....	4,508	*Ukranian Library .....	144
*Fellowship House .....	120	Wabash Ave. Church....	317
*Fourth Presby. Church...	212	Warren Ave. Church.....	1,914
*Fourth Presby. Ch.—Boys	240	*Willard School .....	345
*Gladstone Boys' Club....	240	*Winchell Continuation Sc.	240
*Gladstone Comm. Cen....	340	*Y. M. C. A. Central.....	234
*Grace Y. M. S.....	362	*Y. M. C. A. Wabash....	522
*Hibbard High .....	240	Y. M. C. A. Wilson.....	1,654
Hull House .....	1,531	*Y. W. C. A. Indiana Ave..	2,295
*Illinois Training School..	49	*Y. W. C. A. Indus. S. C.	759
Irving Park Pres. Ch....	126	Camp Covenant .....	300
*Jackson School .....	3,192	Camp Fire Girls.....	360
Juvenile Psy. Inst.....	1,376	Crippled Children's Camp	589
K. of C.....	1,220	Swift Camp .....	1,200
*Lane Tech. H. S.....	900		
*Lincoln Memorial Ch....	1,120	Total .....	64,708
Methodists' O. P. H.....	1,286	Grand total circulation,	
*Nat'l Kindergarten Coll..	658	Department of Deposits..	1,329,695

\*Opened during the year.

## CIRCULATION OF BOOKS 1874-1919

Year	Home circulation of books	Daily average circulation	Books issued through delivery stations	Books issued through branches (direct or station)	Fines collected
1874	7,659	295	.....	.....	\$ 3.65
1875	399,156	1,313	.....	.....	2,648.72
1880	306,751	1,002	.....	.....	1,775.72
1885	519,691	1,704	65,271	.....	3,088.00
1890	843,971	2,830	201,257	.....	4,853.75
1895	1,147,862	3,816	545,866	.....	5,543.88
1900	1,749,775	5,769	1,143,391	.....	7,196.98
1905	1,336,199	4,400	788,657	4,336	6,732.20
1906	1,411,106	4,548	846,802	36,343	7,484.91
1907	1,414,292	4,521	844,415	52,451	8,284.65
1908	1,601,645	5,046	954,000	71,074	8,662.83
1909	1,777,142	5,885	1,129,450	70,486	9,162.63
1910	1,805,012	5,938	1,135,848	184,956	10,151.94
1911	2,256,022	7,397	1,075,376	592,454	12,851.36
1912	2,587,232	8,455	948,815	1,063,740	14,196.22
1913	3,037,035	9,587	883,366	1,396,422	15,359.64
1914	3,428,638	11,261	804,987	1,680,529	16,803.41
1915	4,326,057	14,184	820,227	2,310,701	18,636.64
1916	4,802,432	15,694	771,028	2,614,504	20,911.43
1917	5,602,806	18,491	743,131	3,092,507	22,341.22
1918	6,724,070	22,192	526,237	3,841,413	24,688.99
1919	7,509,267	24,702	426,575	4,580,244	33,315.23

## BOOK ACCESSIONS 1874-1919

Year	Volumes in library	Total acces- sions	Volumes pur- chased	Volumes donated	Expended for books	Books worn out	Acce- sions of pam- phlets
1874	18,183	11,331	9,899	1,432	\$10,733.11	.....	2,638
1875	39,236	21,053	20,122	969	28,410.63	38	1,944
1880	67,772	8,440	7,799	641	7,404.52	1,137	487
1885	111,621	6,836	5,692	1,144	6,899.14	698	3,201
1890	156,242	10,908	10,073	835	11,148.66	3,507	1,635
1895	211,157	18,485	16,727	975	19,431.18	5,595	1,236
1900	258,498	12,911	9,651	1,622	12,476.70	3,905	1,807
1905	304,510	22,879	18,436	2,097	19,884.79	8,002	3,456
1906	323,610	26,236	22,616	1,997	24,013.53	6,365	4,042
1907	339,282	24,987	21,927	1,438	20,078.07	8,303	2,596
1908	352,093	25,843	22,353	1,765	24,262.76	11,466	1,499
1909	365,349	28,197	25,303	1,315	27,064.70	12,900	868
1910	402,848	55,990	51,482	2,693	45,520.85	14,688	132
1911	448,073	58,644	54,504	2,070	46,283.09	10,020	2,022
1912	481,708	50,952	45,834	3,655	43,190.29	10,340	1,944
1913	514,259	47,467	39,035	6,368	38,136.33	9,503	1,734
1914	571,358	78,231	73,228	2,670	65,779.48	21,132	2,805
1915	627,619	75,837	69,305	3,901	61,661.31	12,796	10,251
1916	701,059	100,527	82,158	13,006	72,171.42	15,516	16,184
1917	806,172	140,645	130,929	3,875	112,556.34	24,469	17,109
1918	882,566	123,312	112,857	6,759	101,044.01	34,437	45,275
1919	1,011,963	141,273	130,841	6,135	112,716.52	41,287	9,393



## CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS

	Volumes in library Dec. 31, 1919	Total acces- sions, Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 1920	Net acces- sions, Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 1920	Volumes in library Dec. 31, 1920
Ancient Classics.....	2,203	68	27	2,230
Bibliography.....	6,738	321	304	7,042
Biography.....	23,599	1,226	844	24,443
Books for the Blind.....	2,128	333	329	2,457
Documents.....	51,049	5,414	4,753	55,802
English Fiction.....	206,302	33,425	13,950	220,252
Essays and Miscellanies.....	8,906	1,056	778	9,684
Fine Arts.....	20,141	1,703	694	20,835
Geography and Travels.....	22,489	1,288	900	23,389
History.....	40,381	2,003	988	41,369
Juvenile Books.....	286,477	69,215	25,145	311,622
Language and Literature.....	24,237	1,287	388	24,625
Law.....	1,976	97	62	2,038
Medicine.....	4,761	376	286	5,047
Music: Sheet.....	12,646	532	501	13,147
Music: Volumes.....	5,804	145	100	5,904
Music: Pianola Rolls.....	500			500
Natural Science.....	19,204	1,201	526	19,730
Periodicals.....	59,982	1,394	1,227	61,209
Poetry and Drama.....	22,859	3,517	2,918	25,777
Political and Social Science.....	27,121	2,735	1,595	28,716
Psychology and Ethics.....	12,552	1,480	1,137	13,689
Reference Books.....	13,703	779	589	14,292
Religion.....	12,243	504	388	12,631
Useful Arts.....	48,323	3,223	1,667	49,990
Bohemian Literature.....	4,791	1,717	1,415	6,206
Dutch Literature.....	1,518	3	—3	1,515
French Literature.....	14,225	149	42	14,267
German Literature.....	26,583	885	562	27,145
Hungarian Literature.....	243		—2	241
Italian Literature.....	2,089	962	905	2,994
Japanese and Chinese Lit.....	137			137
Lettish Literature.....	661			661
Lithuanian Literature.....	953	2	—23	930
Polish Literature.....	4,762	7	—280	4,482
Portuguese Literature.....	18			18
Russian Literature.....	2,867	1	—46	2,821
Scandinavian Literature.....	10,288	46	—4	10,284
Spanish Literature.....	1,936	650	643	2,579
Welsh Literature.....	8			8
Yiddish Literature.....	4,014	4	—127	3,887
Other Languages.....	626	102	71	697
Total.....	1,012,043	137,850	63,249	1,075,292

# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

ACCORDING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Annual report for year ending December 31, 1920.

Name of library: The Chicago Public Library.

Population served .....2,701,705

Terms of use: Free for lending—Free for reference.

Total number of agencies..... 1,792

Consisting of:

Central Library ..... 1

Branches ..... 52

Stations and other agencies..... 1,739

\* Number of days open during year (Central Library)..... 363

Hours open each week for lending (Central Library)..... 69

Hours open each week for reading (Central Library)..... 87

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year.....	724,949	287,094	1,012,043

Number of volumes added during year by purchase .....	58,513	68,477	126,990
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Number of volumes added during year by gift or exchange (including volumes received from other sources).....	10,122	738	10,860
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Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during year .....	30,531	44,070	74,601
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Total number of volumes at end of year.....	763,053	312,239	1,075,292
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	Adult	Juvenile	Total
† Number of volumes of fiction for home use.. .....	.....	.....	3,480,660

Total number of volumes lent for home use.. .....	.....	.....	7,651,928
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Number of volumes sent to agencies.....	.....	.....	405,651
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	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of borrowers registered during year..	57,136	30,093	87,229

Total number of registered borrowers (general and local) .....	.....	.....	393,573
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Registration period, years.....	.....	.....	3
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	Titles	Copies
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received .....	950	60,500

Number of persons using library for reading and study (total figures of attendance in reading rooms) .....		1,237,589
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\* Two branches were closed September 1st and four branches and seven high school libraries on November 1st.

† From Central Library, branches and stations only. Classified figures from deposits, school deposits and traveling libraries not available at this time.

## FINANCE

## RECEIPTS FROM

Unexpended balance, Jan. 1, 1920.....	\$ 73,982.26
City tax levy.....	825,607.95
County or township tax levy .....	
State grants .....	
Endowment funds.....	11,427.34
Membership fees.....	
Fines and sale of publications .....	41,622.15
Duplicate pay collection.	3,253.08
Gifts .....	
Interest on deposits.....	
Other sources (if extraordinary, enumerate and state objects).....	14,786.05
Total .....	<u>\$970,678.83</u>

## PAYMENTS FOR

Maintenance:	
Books .....	\$105,465.93
Periodicals .....	15,925.01
Binding .....	55,331.49
Salaries, library service	} 583,421.16
Salaries, janitor service	
Rent .....	16,980.00
Heat }	20,296.53
Light }	
Permanent improvements and furniture.	18,793.63
Supplies, printing, stationery .....	12,207.57
Telephone .....	
Transportation, postage, express, freight, etc. ....	3,628.38
Other maintenance....	<u>23,720.57</u>
Total maintenance...	855,770.27
Extraordinary, such as:	
Sites .....	
New buildings.....	106,281.37
Additions to buildings	
Other unusual expenses	
Unexpended balance, Dec. 31, 1920.....	<u>8,627.19</u>
Grand total.....	<u>\$970,678.83</u>





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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1921

	Expiration of Term
ALFRED E. BARR, <i>President</i> .....	1921
JAMES J. HEALY, <i>Vice-President</i> .....	1922
R. G. SHUTTER.....	1920
CHARLES E. SCHICK.....	1920
CARL O. BEROth.....	1922
FRANK F. TOLLKUEHN.....	1921
LAWRENCE CUNEO .....	1921
ROBERT J. McLAUGHLIN .....	1920
ELLIOTT W. SPROUL.....	1922

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HARRY G. WILSON, *Secretary to the Board*.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

1921

*Library*—Directors Tollkuehn, Beroth and McLaughlin.

*Administration*—Directors Shutter, Schick and Healy.

*Buildings and Grounds*—Directors Schick, Healy and Sproul.

# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

APRIL 11, 1872, TO DECEMBER 31, 1921

## WITH THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE

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- Allen, James Lane, 1880-82.
  - \*Anthony, Elliott, 1872-77.
  - \*Armstrong, Geo. B., 1881-82; 1908-11.
  - Barr, Alfred E., 1899; 1916-21.
  - Beebe, Wm. H., 1887-89.
  - Beroth, Carl O., 1917-22.
  - \*Billings, Albert M., 1875-78.
  - \*Blodgett, Edward A., 1908-10.
  - Bowers, James F., 1901-08.
  - Bradley, J. Harley, 1887.
  - Breyer, Charles C., 1913-17.
  - \*Brine, Geo. J., 1886-87.
  - \*Brosseau, Z. P., 1893-96; 1901-07.
  - \*Callaghan, B., 1880-96.
  - Cigrand, B. J., 1903-10.
  - Collins, Michael J., 1912-13.
  - Cuneo, Lawrence, 1917-21.
  - \*Curran, Wm., 1882-83.
  - \*Despres, Samuel, 1903-06; 1912-15.
  - Diener, T. C., 1893-95.
  - \*Dreyer, Edw. S., 1889-95.
  - \*Eckhart, John W., 1901-07.
  - Egan, Dennis J., 1903-05.
  - \*Enright, John W., 1883-88.
  - \*Forrester, Robert H., 1879-80.
  - \*Frank, Mortimer, 1910-13.
  - Franks, Jacob, 1897-1903.
  - \*Freeman, Henry V., 1910-13.
  - Fyffe, Colin C. H., 1903-05.
  - \*Garibaldi, John G., 1900-02.
  - Gessler, Samuel, 1917-19.
  - \*Gunderson, S. T., 1895-98.
  - \*Hamilton, John B., 1896-98.
  - \*Hatch, Azel F., 1890-93; 1894-1900.
  - \*Hayes, Samuel S., 1872-75.
  - Healy, J. J., 1913-22.
  - Hedenberg, James W., 1895-98.
  - \*Heldmann, Geo. D., 1902-03.
  - Henius, Max, 1911-17.
  - Herhold, Frederick H., 1897-1901.
  - Hirsch, Emil G., 1888-97.
  - \*Hotz, Ferdinand C., 1875-81.
  - \*Hoyne, Thos., 1872-75.
  - Hutchinson, Chas. L., 1898-1901.
  - \*Hynes, Wm. J., 1881-87.
  - Jonas, Edgar A., 1917-19.
  - \*Kadlec, L. W., 1880-89.
  - Kaspar, Wm., 1889-94.
  - Keeley, Thos. F., 1894-97.
  - \*Kent, Wm. D., 1888-89.
  - Ksycki, Philip M., 1911-17.
  - Kuflewski, W. A., 1899-1902.
  - Lagorio, Antonio, 1906-17.
  - Lewke, Otto W., 1897-1900.
  - \*Lindstrand, Frans A., 1903-06.
  - \*Loewenthal, B., 1875-82.
  - \*Lowe, John W., 1902-06.
  - \*McCormick, Robert S., 1895-1901.
  - McDowell, Malcolm, 1913-14.
  - \*McLaughlin, Robert J., 1919-20.
  - MacMillan, T. C., 1882-87.
  - \*Mannhardt, Emil, 1885-88.
  - Mason, George, 1874-80.
  - Mayer, Oscar G., 1914-17.
  - Meeker, Arthur, 1900-03.
  - \*Moos, Bernhard, 1887-96.
  - \*Moses, Adolph, 1882-88.
  - Novak, John L., 1905-08.
  - \*Onahan, Wm. J., 1874-81.
  - O'Connell, T. Frank, 1913-17.
  - Peabody, Francis S., 1899-1903.
  - \*Plamondon, Chas. A., 1899-1902.
  - Pokorney, Frank J., 1913-17.
  - \*Queal, Robert F., 1872-76.
  - \*Raster, Hermann, 1872-75.
  - Rawson, Frederick H., 1908-11.
  - \*Rend, Wm. P., 1889-92.

- \*Rogers, Henry W., 1883-85.
- \*Rosenthal, Julius, 1872-75.  
Roulston, Robert J., 1905-13.
- \*Rubens, Harry, 1879-85.  
Ryan, Andrew J., 1898-99.  
Schick, Charles E., 1917-20.
- \*Schmidt, Ernst, 1881-82.
- \*Scranton, Abner R., 1876-79.
- \*Sheahan, James W., 1872-74.
- \*Shields, Michael, 1902-03.
- \*Shorey, Daniel L., 1872-80.
- \*Shortall, John G., 1886-95.  
Shutter, R. G., 1917-20.
- \*Smith, Pliny B., 1888-94.
- \*Smith, Robert J., 1890-93.
- \*Smith, Sidney, 1877-79.
- \*Smyth, John M., 1892-95.
- \*Sprague, Otho S. A., 1878-81.  
Sproul, Elliott W., 1919-22.  
Stern, Julius, 1906-12.
- \*Swazey, Arthur, 1885-87.  
Taylor, Graham, 1906-12.  
Tollkuehn, Frank F., 1917-21.  
Umbdenstock, Michael, 1887-90.
- \*Van Osdel, John M., 1896-99.
- \*Wait, Horatio L., 1910-13.
- \*Walker, J. B., 1875-83.
- \*Waterman, Arba N., 1908-10.
- \*Wells, Wm. H., 1882-85.
- \*Williams, Norman, 1887-89.
- \*Woodard, Willard, 1872-74.
- \*Sheahan, Jas. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20, 1872.
- \*Wickersham, W. B., Secretary from July 20, 1872, to October 15, 1908.  
Wilson, Harry G., Acting Secretary, October 15, 1908, to March 11, 1909.  
Secretary since March 11, 1909.
- \*Poole, Wm. F., LL.D., Librarian from October 25, 1873, to August 1, 1887.
- \*Hild, Frederick H., Librarian from October 15, 1887, to April 30, 1909.  
Roden, Carl B., Acting Librarian from May 1, 1909, to October 11, 1909.
- \*Legler, Henry E., Librarian from October 11, 1909, to September 13, 1917.  
Roden, Carl B., Librarian since March 11, 1918.

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\*Deceased.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library has the honor to present the annual report of the Public Library covering the fiscal and calendar year ending December 31, 1921, in which are included the reports of the Librarian and Secretary describing in detail the operation and activities of the Library for the same period.

The situation confronting the Board at the beginning of the year arose out of a combination of circumstances which was in a measure inevitable, and had been foreshadowed in these reports for the two previous years. Rising costs and constantly growing demands for extension of service united to create a deficit in the revenue for 1920 that necessitated carrying over a certain amount of indebtedness to be covered by 1921 funds. When the available resources for the latter year were definitely determined, it was found, however, that the expected increase based upon a normal growth in assessed valuations was not forthcoming. On the contrary, it was found that values were to remain practically at the previous year's figure, and that the library rate of barely half a mill would yield an income which, after deducting the amount carried over, was actually lower than that which had already proved inadequate for financing the operation of the Library in 1920.

In these circumstances it became imperative to adopt a program of severe retrenchment and the closest economy, and this was undertaken without delay. All plans for extension, including

the development of activities contemplated for the newly opened Regional Branch, were suspended. Nineteen branches were ordered closed and service hours in the remaining branches and in the Central Library were curtailed. A reduction in staff by the dismissal of 110 persons, entailing a saving of \$111,340 in salaries was thus brought about. Other economies, involving heavy cuts in book purchase and binding funds, omission of all considerable repairs and renovations of, and all additions to, buildings and equipment, and the suspension of all automatic increases in salary, brought the sum of retrenchments to the figure needed to reconcile income with expenditure, namely, \$242,655. By the middle of February the entire Library system was in operation under these drastic reductions. It affords a slight measure of gratification to be able to conclude this chronicle of misfortune with the statement that the institution has now weathered the storm and closes the year without serious liabilities.

Meanwhile the prospects for a better and more stable fiscal condition in the future have been practically assured by the action of the General Assembly in granting to the Library a fixed and irreducible rate of eight-tenths of a mill. The element of permanency in this rate will of itself go far toward stabilizing the Library finances, and the increase, amounting to fifty per cent over the old rate, while still far below the figure that would produce an income wholly sufficient to meet all demands for library service, and all opportunities for extensions of that service, will at least prove adequate to ensure a reasonable measure of progress annually in the great and ever growing task of spreading the influence of the Public Library over its vast field. The new tax rate should yield a sum amounting to fifty cents per capita of population, which, at all events, lifts Chicago from its former place at the bottom to somewhere near the middle of the column of large American cities in the matter of public library support. It will be entirely reasonable and justifiable, however, to fix the ultimate goal at a dollar per capita if material progress in supplying Chicago's book needs is to be made.

In this connection it is a pleasure to record and acknowledge the complete and generous unanimity of public sentiment which supported the Board in its determination to seek an addition to the tax rate. In the General Assembly, despite the overwhelming demands for higher taxes with which that body was deluged, and the severe scrutiny to which these importunities were subjected, no serious opposition was manifested against the claims of the Board, submitted and successfully conducted to acceptance by the skillful and experienced advocacy of its Secretary, Mr. Harry G. Wilson. In Chicago, the public, the press, the civic organizations and many other interests united in support of the cause of the Library. From all sides came manifold and spontaneous offers

of aid and testimony to the esteem and good will that the institution enjoys among its constituents, and the important place it occupies in the life of the city.

Striking evidence of this sentiment was afforded in the action of the community served by Sheridan Branch, one of the agencies designated for suspension under the retrenchment program because of a heavy rise in rental charge of the quarters occupied. Under the leadership of the Kiwanis Club, the business men and other citizens organized to "save Sheridan." A fund was subscribed sufficient to pay the rent for the whole year, and new and better quarters were secured. On the day of removal the school children from the upper grades of the Graeme Stewart School were mobilized and carried armfuls of books in procession to the new branch, and four van companies tendered the use of wagons and crews. Helpful co-operation was also extended by the Lincoln Park and Northwest Park Commissions, who arranged to assume the pay-rolls for the year for Stanton Park and Kosciuszko Park branches. The high school libraries were carried by the Board of Education. These indications of public appreciation of the Public Library, and of a cordial spirit of co-operation among public agencies, have served to lighten the burdens of the year not alone in the material sense. A word of recognition must also be added of the splendid spirit in which our staff met these emergencies, involving harder work, fewer books, loss of salary increases and more difficult working conditions. We call attention to the statistics in the following pages which show, among other things, that, in these circumstances and with resources and supplies curtailed in every direction, the circulation of volumes for home reading during the year 1921 was very nearly as large as that of the preceding year, with all branches and other activities operating on full time and with a much larger force. These figures speak for themselves.

There is little to add to the foregoing record of a difficult year successfully survived. With a reasonably sufficient revenue for the new year, to which the Board may confidently look forward, it is imperative that all its energies must be applied to resumption and rehabilitation of the various library activities to return to the standards of 1920. Not until this has been accomplished can any forward steps be taken. It may well be that such measures of resumption will form the chief, if not the sole, pre-occupation of the Board for the next twelve months.

Meetings of the Board were held regularly on the appointed days throughout the year and were faithfully attended by the members, as were, also, numerous committee meetings. At the final meeting of the City Council for the old year His Honor the Mayor nominated the following five gentlemen as members of

this Board: Dr. Jacob Gartenstein, Mr. F. W. Turner, Mr. John C. Armstrong, Mr. F. F. Tollkuehn and Mr. Charles E. Schick, the two last named succeeding themselves. The report herewith submitted is, therefore, in the nature of a valedictory in which the undersigned render an account of their labors, prosecuted together through many pleasant and, we trust, fruitful years, and now transfer their trust and tasks to their successors in office with every good wish and with cordial salutations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED E. BARR, *President*  
JAMES J. HEALY, *Vice-President*  
RICHARD G. SHUTTER  
CHAS. E. SCHICK  
C. O. BEROH  
FRANK F. TOLLKUEHN  
LAWRENCE CUNEO.

Chicago, December 31, 1921.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Public Library,  
Chicago, January 23, 1922.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY:

GENTLEMEN: As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended December 31, 1921.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1921.

<i>Receipts</i>		
Sale 1920 tax warrants.....		\$200,000.00
Taxes 1920 .....	\$824,414.06	
Less tax warrants 1920 redeemed.....	200,000.00	624,414.06
Taxes 1919 .....	18,525.41	
Less tax warrants 1919 redeemed.....	14,000.00	4,525.41
Taxes 1918 and prior.....		6,627.54
Interest on funds in hands of City Treasurer.....		2,247.64
Unclaimed wages .....		53.60
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Sale of duplicates.....	65.00	
Sale of finding lists .....	208.17	
Miscellaneous .....	2,399.30	
Books lost and paid for.....	6,249.67	
Postage refunds .....	845.67	9,767.81
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		847,636.06
Funds, Jan. 1, 1921:		
Cash in hands of City Treasurer.....		1,433.53
Cash in bank and in hands of Secretary (petty cash)		1,000.00
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		850,069.59

<i>Disbursements</i>	
Salaries, main library .....	332,992.00
Salaries, branches .....	182,029.46
Salaries, deposits and delivery stations.....	24,033.10
Delivery stations miscellaneous .....	5,155.48
Branches miscellaneous .....	27,714.02
Books .....	92,260.94
Binding .....	71,894.34
Finding lists .....	2,934.58
Printing and stationery .....	11,731.15
Periodicals .....	13,642.27
Miscellaneous .....	8,434.38
Fuel .....	27,598.95
Heating and generating plant.....	2,456.95
Electrical supplies and repairs .....	1,688.43
Elevator supplies and repairs.....	464.19
Janitors expense .....	1,252.39
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,533.39
Insurance .....	2,640.96
Freight and expressage.....	188.56
Postage .....	3,484.55



## THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Books lost and paid for—refunds.....	\$ 910.28	
Repairs, alterations and improvements.....	10,611.23	
Branch buildings .....	17,637.16	
Interest on 1919 and 1920 tax warrants.....	4,490.02	
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Total expenditures .....	848,778.78	
Funds Dec. 31, 1921:		
Cash in hands of City Treasurer.....	290.81	
Cash in bank and in hands of Secretary (petty cash) .....	1,000.00	
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		\$850,069.59
Funds Dec. 31, 1921:		
Cash in hands of City Treasurer.....	290.81	
Taxes of 1920 collectible (complete returns on taxes of 1920 not made by County Treasurer).....		58,098.69
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		58,389.50
From this balance an amount estimated at \$52,000 for losses and cost of extension and collection of taxes for 1920 is to be deducted.		

## MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Rental Collection:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1921.....		3,914.52
Fees for loan of books.....		6,386.09
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		10,300.61
Books purchased .....	6,526.24	
Balance Dec. 31, 1921.....	3,774.37	10,300.61
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Security Deposits:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1921.....		1,913.15
Deposits for cards and books.....		5,709.29
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		7,622.44
Deposits refunded .....	5,513.64	
Balance Dec. 31, 1921.....	2,108.80	7,622.44
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Special Deposits:		
Balance Jan 1, 1921.....		100.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1921.....	100.00	
Secretary's Petty Cash:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1921.....		591.00
Reimbursed by Library Fund.....		8,494.52
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		9,085.52
Miscellaneous expense as per vouchers audited.....	8,518.63	
Balance Dec. 31, 1921.....	566.89	9,085.52
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## TRUST FUNDS

*Receipts and Disbursements.*

Kelly Branch Library Fund:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1921.....		27.16
Income from Investments .....		11,070.09
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		11,097.25
Expended on account of salaries.....	11,093.43	
Balance Dec. 31, 1921.....	3.82	11,097.25
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## Ryder Fund Income:

Balance Jan. 1, 1921.....	\$	204.79
Income from investments.....		409.08
		<hr/> 613.87
Books purchased .....	\$	576.29
Balance Dec. 31, 1921.....		37.58
		<hr/> 613.87

## Beecher Fund Income:

Balance Jan. 1, 1921.....		9.50
Income from investments.....		89.63
		<hr/> 99.13
Books purchased .....		4.50
Balance Dec. 31, 1921.....		94.63
		<hr/> 99.13

## Jackson Fund Income:

Balance Jan. 1, 1921.....		24.54
Income from investments.....		50.16
		<hr/> 74.70
Books purchased .....		42.35
Balance Dec. 31, 1921.....		32.35
		<hr/> 74.70

*Trust Funds and Investments*

## Trust Funds:

Hiram Kelly bequest .....	200,000.00
Wm. H. Ryder bequest.....	10,000.00
Jerome Beecher bequest .....	2,000.00
H. W. Jackson bequest .....	1,000.00
Hiram Kelly increment.....	65,000.00
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278,000.00

## Investments:

Bonds Jan. 1, 1921.....	\$277,665.45
Less bonds matured.....	26,000.00
	<hr/> 251,665.45
Bonds purchased .....	26,027.70
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Bonds Dec. 31, 1921 (par value \$282,650.00) .....	277,693.15
Cash uninvested .....	306.85
	<hr/> 278,000.00

*Cash Reconciliation*

Incidental fund .....	1,000.00
Less incidental fund not reimbursed by City Treasurer .....	433.11
	<hr/> 566.89
Security deposits .....	2,108.80
Special deposits .....	100.00
Rental collection .....	3,774.37
Kelly Branch fund .....	3.82
Ryder fund income .....	37.58
Beecher fund income.....	94.63
Jackson fund income.....	32.35
Cash balance of trust funds.....	306.85
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Cash on hand and in banks as per library books Dec. 31, 1921.....	7,025.29
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## LIST OF SECURITIES

No. of Bonds	Description	Rate	Matu- rity	Denomi- nation	Par value
7	Lincoln Park, Town of N. Chicago...	4%	1925	\$1,000	\$ 7,000.00
39	Lincoln Park, Town of Lake View...	4%	1923	1,000	39,000.00
2	Lincoln Park Commissioners .....	4%	1931	1,000	2,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1927	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1928	1,000	15,000.00
15	City of Chicago, City Hall.....	4%	1929	1,000	15,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding..	4½%	1924	1,000	5,000.00
5	City of Chicago, judgment refunding..	4½%	1925	1,000	5,000.00
8	City of Chicago, judgment refunding..	4½%	1926	1,000	8,000.00
1	City of Chicago, judgment refunding..	4½%	1927	1,000	1,000.00
1	City of Chicago, Ashland Ave. Impvt..	4%	1929	1,000	1,000.00
1	City of Chicago, Police Dept. Bldg....	4%	1930	500	500.00
3	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1923	1,000	3,000.00
16	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1926	1,000	16,000.00
1	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
15	Sanitary District of Chicago.....	4%	1930	1,000	15,000.00
27	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	27,000.00
5	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	5,000.00
4	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	4,000.00
10	South Park Commissioners.....	4%	1931	1,000	10,000.00
4	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1923	1,000	4,000.00
8	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1924	1,000	8,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1926	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1927	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1928	1,000	1,000.00
2	West Park Commissioners.....	4%	1930	1,000	2,000.00
1	West Chicago Park Commissioners...	4%	1925	1,000	1,000.00
3	School District No. 39, Cook County...	4%	1922	500	1,500.00
5	Rockford, Ill., school building.....	5%	1934	1,000	5,000.00
5	Rockford, Ill., school building.....	5%	1935	1,000	5,000.00
1	Central Pacific Railway Co.....	4%	1949	500	500.00
1	North Shore Electric Co.....	5%	1922	1,000	1,000.00
8	United States 3rd Liberty Loan .....	4¼%	1928	1,000	8,000.00
1	United States 3rd Liberty Loan .....	4¼%	1928	100	100.00
1	United States 3rd Liberty Loan .....	4¼%	1928	50	50.00
17	United States 4th Liberty Loan .....	4¼%	1938	1,000	17,000.00
3	United States 4th Liberty Loan .....	4¼%	1938	5,000	15,000.00
3	United States Victory Liberty Loan....	4¾%	1923	5,000	15,000.00
					<hr/> \$282,650.00

Chicago, January 23, 1922.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY:

GENTLEMEN: We have audited the books and accounts of the Chicago Public Library for the year ended December 31, 1921, and find them to be correct.

We were permitted by the City Treasurer's office to examine the library account in the books of the city, and we found that the receipts of interest, taxes, etc., entered therein agreed with the receipts in the library books.

In company with one of the Directors and the Secretary, we inspected the securities representing the various investments, all of which were produced to us.

We also examined the foregoing statements and compared them with the books, vouchers and securities, and we certify them to be correct.

Yours very truly,

UNITED STATES AUDIT CO.,

WHITNEY B. FLERSHEM, C. P. A.

*Member of American Institute  
of Accountants.*

## BOOKS

Number of books in library Jan. 1, 1921.....	1,075,292
Number of books purchased the past year.....	88,246
Number of books donated the past year.....	4,704
Number of books found and money refunded....	815
Number of books received from other sources....	4,240
Total number of books added the past year....	98,005
Number of books worn out the past year.....	46,370
Number of books deducted (duplicate, etc.).....	808
Number of books delinquent 1920.....	4,255
Number of books missing 1920.....	15,564*
Number of books lost and paid for.....	6,589
Total number of books subtracted the past year	73,586
Total net additions the past year.....	24,419
Total number of books in the library Jan. 1, 1922	1,099,711

\* No inventory taken in the main library.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. WILSON, *Secretary.*State of Illinois.)  
County of Cook.)<sup>ss.</sup>

I, H. G. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. WILSON.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 23d day of January,  
A. D. 1922.

GEORGE B. UTLEY, *Notary Public.*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN: Herewith I have the honor of submitting the fiftieth annual report upon the activities of the Library during the year beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 1921.

### HOME CIRCULATION

	Agencies		Volumes	
	1920	1921	1920	1921
Central Library .....	1	1	859,998	1,039,638
Branches (open full year) .....	45	29	3,452,719	3,544,828
Branches (closed after January) .....		10	637,789	70,825
High School Libraries .....	7	7	320,616	376,559
Deposit Stations .....	69	68	992,053	1,104,145
Business House Libraries .....	59	63	272,934	237,870
Special Deposits .....	54	81	64,708	90,662
School Deposits .....	1542	1850	606,090	679,511
Delivery Stations .....	16	15	88,943	66,140
Delivery Stations in Branches, 39 .....			179,280	100,842
Delivery Stations in High Schools, 1 .....			3,230	350
Delivery Stations in Deposits, 41 .....			134,198	126,617
Branch Reference .....			39,370	34,781
Total .....	1792	2124	7,651,928	7,472,768
Daily Average Circulation .....			25,006	24,501
Registered card holders:				
General .....			226,649	236,794
Deposit Stations .....			59,920	63,680
Industrial Deposits .....			37,164	39,440
Schools .....			69,840	83,250
Total .....			393,573	423,164

At the beginning of the year 1921 thirty-nine out of a total of forty-five branches were in operation, six of the smaller installations having been forced to close at various times during the preceding six months, mainly because of lack of help. By the middle of February the number of active branches had been reduced to twenty-nine as the result of retrenchments made necessary to meet the budget. A net total of sixteen branches, therefore, were closed for practically eleven of the twelve months. Three others, ordered closed, were continued under arrangements by which the salaries were met by the park boards and, in the case of Sheridan Branch, by popular subscription. The story of this retrenchment, its causes and results, is included in the report of the Board of Directors, printed herewith, and need not be retold in this place. The figures in the tables above must, however, be read in the light of these facts.

It appears, therefore, that with the principal distributing agencies reduced in number by one-third, and in effectiveness to an even greater extent, the total home circulation of books for the year 1921 fell short of that for the preceding

year by less than 180,000 volumes, or about one average week's figures. It seems, therefore, entirely safe to say that, but for the unforeseen curtailment of revenue, our total home use of books would easily have exceeded eight million volumes.

The reduction of the fund for buying books to \$75,000, being \$25,000 under the amount for 1920, contributed still further to the difficulties of the year by diminishing the quantity available in all agencies. Purchases of new books were restricted to the lowest possible figures, and replacements were cut down in similar fashion. The book stocks of the closed branches, which were transferred to the Regional Branch, were quickly dispersed among those remaining in operation and aided considerably in maintaining a supply to meet the increased demands forced upon each of the latter by the changed situation. The great gain in circulation at the Central Library is thus almost entirely accounted for by the diversion of former branch patrons who found their neighborhood service abolished or curtailed. To economize in staff and pay-roll, it became necessary to arrange a schedule of service hours that could be covered by one shift without relief. This was accomplished by opening from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. on three days of the week and on alternate days from 1 to 9 p. m., giving three evenings a week for branch patrons. Branch librarians are agreed that these hours are not adequate nor satisfactory, and a return to the former system, especially as to evening hours, in all branches now under the short schedule, will be the first step in the resumption made possible by the increased revenue assured us for the coming year.

On the other hand, the reduction of hours in the Central Library, which involved closing the Circulation Department at 7 o'clock instead of 8:30 p. m., and beginning Sunday and holiday service at 1 o'clock instead of at 9 a. m., appears to have worked no hardship. It seems quite certain, after a whole year's experience, that all possible downtown borrowers are easily accommodated before seven o'clock at night. The main building is now much farther away than it was ten, or even five, years ago from the residential quarters, which are rapidly receding in all directions before the tremendous expansion of the central business district. After the workers have departed, the number of persons in this locality, excepting the throngs hurrying to meet evening engagements, is very small, and the fact, established by statistics, that almost exactly as many books are issued at present between 5:30 and 7 p. m. as were formerly dispensed from 5:30 to 8:30 is conclusive proof of the practicability of continuing the shorter schedule. The same conditions and

experience point to the wisdom of opening the central reading rooms only for the afternoon on Sundays and legal holidays.

The heaviest portion of the loss due to the reduction of activities necessarily fell upon the Branch Department, where the direct circulation decreased by 11.6% on the figures of the preceding year. The detailed tables of branch statistics, appended to these reports, show that thirteen of the twenty-nine branches in commission gained 367,368 volumes in circulation over their 1920 records, some of them in astonishing proportions. Sixteen others show losses, and the fact that all of the large branches are included in the latter group proves the inadequacy or inconvenience of the shortened hours of opening in populous communities. The next group, of the sixteen closed branches, had, during 1920, issued a total of 819,794 volumes. The net loss in the branches during the past year was, however, but little over half that figure, or 409,897 volumes, indicating that the rate of increase, had the whole system remained in full operation, would have been very large. On the other hand, the inclusion for the first time of the Regional Branch, with a circulation of 267,621 for its first year, accounts for a goodly share of the increase. The entire book stock from all the closed branches, aggregating 67,391 volumes, was deposited in the Regional Branch where they were thoroughly gone over during the summer. Redistribution of 38,099 volumes from this stock to the open branches involved a huge amount of clerical work in reshelving and transfer of catalog entries but counted heavily in supplying the increased demands upon these agencies. Of the rest, 16,000 were discarded, 2,641 rebound and about 9,000 volumes remain. The re-opening of branches in the new year will thus entail very large book purchases, and these were begun in October, with the co-operation of the dealers, who consented to carry our accounts until the new appropriation became available. Something like 30,000 volumes are ready at this writing for use in rehabilitation.

Figures are instructive and lend themselves to many profitable interpretations. They cannot reveal, however, the overwhelming pressure under which the entire branch staff has labored to meet this emergency. The closing of the branches, removal of furniture, fixtures and stock, adjustment of records and recovery of outstanding loans, combined to make a task of enormous proportion which was successfully and expeditiously handled by the central Branch Department. Meanwhile the scanty personnel in the surviving branches has struggled valiantly through the year to deal with the evergrowing demands of constituencies aug-

mented by recruits from adjoining districts left without service. Our branch staff, together with that of the central Circulation Department, upon whom, together, most of the burdens of retrenchment fell, have earned the highest consideration and appreciation of the Board and its officers.

The seven high school libraries were closed by order of the Board in January, but reopened on March first under an arrangement with the Board of Education by which that body took over payment of salaries for the remainder of the year. The staff was reduced to two persons in each high school with the understanding that student help could be had for routine work. Under this plan the high school libraries continued to function with reasonable satisfaction and demonstrated their extreme importance and usefulness by returning a circulation of 376,559 volumes, being an increase of 55,943.

The permanent administration of the high school libraries is still an unsolved question presenting sundry difficulties that have been discussed in previous reports. The problem appears to be fairly on the way to a satisfactory solution. Meanwhile it seems clear that, under whatever auspices these installations will ultimately be conducted, a distinct grade in the civil service should be established for the very distinct and specialized class of service demanded of the high school librarians and assistants, with definite specifications as to training, experience and salary approximating those of high school teachers.

The deposits and school deposits exhibit gratifying progress, particularly the latter. There are now 91,664 volumes, distributed in 1850 room deposits among 244 schools, of which 219 are public grammar schools, 17 parochial schools, and 8 high schools. That the number is not larger is due in part to the fact that our book supply, and the means for replenishing it, were exhausted, and, in part, to our policy of encouraging schools within easy distance of branch libraries to make use of these agencies instead of the special school service. To some extent the development of this service is hampered, also, by our policy of insisting upon strict accountability for losses or damages. During the year 1181 school deposit books were lost or destroyed and paid for, in most instances, by teachers who are thus mulcted for losses not due to their own fault, but directly resulting from their laudable efforts to bring the benefits of the Public Library to their pupils. If such charges could be remitted, perhaps as a partial offset to the valuable services rendered by the teachers as library agents, without seeming to relax responsibility for proper care of the books entrusted to them, it is certain that many more of the 7000 public school rooms



would be equipped with library deposits. The school deposit work has been greatly benefited by its assignment to excellent and commodious quarters in the new Regional Branch building, with ample storage and working space and good shipping facilities.

The following account of the Department of Deposits is quoted from the report of the chief of that division:

"The work of the Department of Deposits during 1921 was increased because of the retrenchment in the branches. Ten new stations were opened during the year to cover communities that were deprived of service by the closing of branches in the neighborhood. A total of 212 agencies was maintained, consisting of 68 deposit stations, 63 business house libraries and 81 special deposits.

"The circulation in the deposit stations was 1,104,145, an increase of 45,352 volumes over 1920. This increase is a natural result of the additional stations as well as increased use of existing agencies that are nearest to closed branches.

"The industrial depression affected the work in the business house libraries, the circulation in 1921 being 237,870, as compared with 272,934 in 1920, a loss of 35,064 for the year. Due to this same cause, five firms discontinued their libraries, while on the other hand, seven new libraries were installed. With the return of business conditions to normalcy, all of the business house libraries will function as formerly, with a resultant increased circulation. This class of agencies did, however, use more books of a technical nature than previously, showing a marked tendency to take advantage of the loan service offered by the library.

"In the special deposits, consisting of collections in churches, Sunday schools, settlements, community centers, camps and clubs, the use was greatly increased, 90,662 volumes having been circulated, a gain of 25,954 over 1920. During the summer, 1600 volumes were supplied to 15 camps in Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois, maintained by various Chicago organizations. The use of these books has justified the continuation of the service. The possibilities in these directions are unlimited and will be qualified only by our ability to supply books in sufficient quantity. It is certain that a larger book collection will aid in increasing activities along these lines in 1922.

"A beginning has been made in supplying library service in connection with the community centers maintained by the Board of Education in the Public Schools. The plan used at present is to supply a small collection of volumes to be managed by a teacher assigned to the work by the principal of the school. The circulation warrants this method of distribution

despite an apparent waste in having the books locked up five nights and used twice weekly. Through greater co-operation with the principals, more community centers will be opened during the coming year. A more satisfactory method would be to assign an assistant from the nearest branch to supervise this work. This will make for a better connection with the neighborhood branch, and will provide for more closely supervised reading.

"The distribution and use of foreign books in Chicago more than justifies the expenditure for this class of literature. The new method of assigning all foreign books to this department will permit a wider distribution and a more perfect exchange of collections. The increased work caused by the consolidation necessitates the addition of a shelf-listener to the staff."

The department now handles seventeen foreign languages, distributed as follows:

<i>Language</i>	<i>Agencies</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Agencies</i>
Arabian .....	1	Lithuanian .....	9
Bohemian .....	19	Polish .....	27
Danish .....	8	Russian .....	17
French .....	24	Serbian .....	3
German .....	34	Spanish .....	12
Greek .....	5	Swedish .....	12
Hebrew .....	1	Ukrainian .....	1
Hungarian .....	6	Yiddish .....	22
Italian .....	17		

#### LIBRARY SERVICE TO HOSPITALS

Hospital library service in Chicago began in March, 1919, with the installation of a collection of books at the Presbyterian Hospital at the request of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Hospital Board. With the active aid of Mrs. D. W. Graham, Chairman of the Auxiliary, a library committee took over the responsibility for the distribution of books in the wards. This committee has continued the work with great success since that date, averaging a monthly distribution of four to five hundred volumes. A bed-side book truck is used for carrying books to the wards, making it possible for the patients to select their own reading matter. One of the women collects the books issued the week before, the other distributing them. The current magazines donated by members of the committee are also distributed in this way and are in great demand.

Three other hospitals in the city now have similar service: Wesley, Michael Reese, and Cook County Hospitals. At Wesley Hospital, library service is managed by the hospital authorities, who have assigned one of the nurses to act as librarian. The latter makes the rounds of the wards twice weekly and keeps the library open one hour daily for the staff and ambulatory patients. At Michael Reese Hospital,

the occupational worker was placed in charge and is assisted by an active committee of the Woman's Board. Evidence that the therapeutic benefits from reading are considered as equal to those from occupational handiwork is afforded by the fact that the same department is responsible for the administration of both.

The most recent installation is at the Cook County Hospital, where a collection of 600 volumes has been placed. The distribution of books is managed by the Library Committee of the Chicago Woman's Club, without whose aid it would have been impossible to plan such service, as the hospital covers a territory of more than one square block and has an averaged daily population of 1400 patients distributed in fifteen wards.

The books used for hospital service do not differ materially from those used in an ordinary small branch, being largely of a recreational character. At several of the hospitals a collection of books in foreign languages is in constant use, and it is not unusual to have calls for material on various subjects of research.

Hospital library service in Chicago apparently antedates similar undertakings elsewhere which have attracted more attention. It was deemed inexpedient, hitherto, to give publicity to our efforts because of the large number of hospitals, whose requests might easily have overwhelmed our relatively small enterprise before adequate preparation in organization and material was possible. Even today, while somewhat better prepared for the gradual extension of this important branch of library service, we are by no means ready to supply all of the more than four score hospitals in the city in any given time.

The following figures show the use made of the collections since they were installed:

Presbyterian Hospital .....	Mar., 1919—Dec., 1921	17,458
Wesley Hospital .....	Feb., 1921—Dec., 1921	2,793
Michael Reese Hospital.....	May, 1921—Dec., 1921	2,378
Cook County Hospital.....	Nov., 1921—Dec., 1921	1,034
		<hr/> 23,663

#### THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT (Main Library)

Volumes consulted:

	1920	1921
Reference room .....	321,801	348,031
Women's study room.....	15,087	15,571
Art room .....	54,618	53,370
Civics room .....	327,971	334,988
Patents room .....	58,644	73,546
Bound newspapers .....	6,509	6,644
Current periodicals.....	120,881	78,634
	<hr/> 905,511	<hr/> 910,784
Total reference use.....		

These general statistics of the reference or room use of books cover a variety of activities, some of which deserve special comment. One year ago it was said in this place that a part of the extraordinarily heavy demands of that year were doubtless ascribable to the closing of the John Crerar Library pending its removal to the new building. The reopening of that Library in its beautiful quarters just across the street from us has, however, had no effect whatever upon our own patronage which continues to increase in the normal annual ratio. On the other hand, the close proximity of the John Crerar Library has led us to take steps to avoid duplicating reference material that properly belongs in the field covered by that institution. Subscriptions to a number of technical magazines have been dropped from our lists, and the binding of back volumes of such magazines has been discontinued. In this connection a complete survey is being made of our periodical subscription and binding lists, the results of which will be used as the basis of a thorough reorganization of this branch of service. The removal, in May, of the current newspaper files from the periodical room, and their installation in a separate room and adjoining corridor on the street floor has had several interesting results. It has, to begin with, relegated the patrons of the ephemeral class, those interested only in the daily and weekly journals, to quarters where they are served more expeditiously and economically. It has also enabled us to put one-half of the noble room formerly used for both newspapers and magazines to better uses as new quarters for the Civics Division, and, lastly, it has reduced the statistics of the use of current periodicals by 42,247 by withdrawing newspaper readers from the count. This discrepancy is not serious, since the use of the current news sheets, while it lends itself to the accumulation of imposing statistics, is of comparatively minor value. To the stranger within our gates the out-of-town and foreign journals supply news from home, and a few of the great American dailies may well share our respect with some of the monthlies. On the whole, however, the maintenance of a newspaper room is not to be ranked among major library responsibilities and, when growing needs for space for other activities become pressing, must give way in favor of more important interests.

The Civics Division, removed to new quarters in the west half of the great reading room, has thus been placed in a better position on the same floor with the other divisions of the reference department. Considerable confusion still prevails in the new installation because of our inability to supply new fixtures and to make alterations needed to secure efficient administration. The public documents are compactly housed in a three-story stack in an adjoining room. In spite of the turmoil and interruptions incident to the removal, the Civics and

Documents Divisions show a creditable increase in use. The collection of public documents for circulation especially continues to meet with public appreciation. It has grown to a total of 18,259 volumes and reports a circulation of 3,892 volumes.

In the Music Room the collection now numbers 5,965 volumes and 13,297 pieces of sheet music, with a circulation of 11,214 volumes and 29,536 pieces. The number of music card-holders to date is 5,137; 665 having been added during the year.

The Thomas Hughes Room for Young People reports the circulation of 65,834 volumes and 36,143 pictures.

The collection of books for the blind, comprising 2,911 volumes in six styles of print, circulated a total of 17,002 volumes, a considerable portion of which went to non-residents through the mails. Only 135 volumes were used in the reading room.

The great need of the entire Reference Department is more room. In every branch of these activities quarters have become inadequate to an extent that seriously hampers effective service. The Art Room is choked with its accumulation of beautiful and costly books, the music collection occupies a narrow strip along one wall with no room for growth nor for the accommodation of students. All other public activities are similarly pressed for space, while the book stacks will have reached their maximum limit of capacity within a comparatively short time. Relief can be provided only through addition to the Main building, a perfectly feasible undertaking which will be brought to the attention of the Board during the year.

#### GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

Number of volumes in Library December 31, 1920.....	1,075,292
Accessions to December 31, 1921, viz.:	
Purchased .....	88,246
Gifts .....	4,704
Binding, periodicals .....	1,051
Binding, pamphlets, etc.....	47
Exchange .....	9
Lost and recovered.....	1,563
Lost and recovered, cost refunded.....	815
Replaced by borrowers and guarantors.....	104
Transferred from Rental Collection.....	1,466
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	98,005
Gross accessions .....	<hr/> 1,173,297

*Deductions*

Worn out and withdrawn.....	46,370
Deducted (put in duplicate room, etc.).....	808
Lost and paid for.....	6,589
*Unaccounted for, 1920.....	15,564
Delinquent, 1920 .....	4,255
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	73,586
Volumes in Library, December 31, 1921.....	1,099,711
Cost of books.....	\$99,410.32
Cost of periodicals.....	13,642.27
Cost of binding.....	71,894.34

*Catalog Department*

New titles cataloged and classified.....	5,466
Recataloged .....	482
Additions and corrections.....	4,926
Replacements, extra copies, continuations.....	19,218
Cards added to public card catalog.....	22,553
Cards added to official card catalog.....	16,075
Cards added to music card catalog.....	2,883
Library of Congress cards ordered: 6,785; received.....	5,404
Multigraphed: lists, 6; total copies.....	1,375
Multigraphed: cards .....	25,599

*Bindery Department*

Number of volumes bound or rebound.....	83,050
Repaired at binderies.....	2,253
Repaired in department.....	5,558
Relabeled and dateslipped.....	55,675
Stamped call numbers .....	73,500

## ADMINISTRATION

Retrenchment reduced our staff from 629 to 520 persons, which reduction was necessary to keep the pay-roll within budget limitations. All automatic increases and promotions were suspended and the personnel of the Library staff has struggled through a year of overwhelming pressure and toil without even the slight stimulus of prospective financial or promotional advancement. This circumstance is commended to the consideration of the Board in connection with plans for the new and more prosperous year. The scale of library salaries, never high, has now fallen so far below that in kindred lines, for which library experience has proven most excellent preparation, that we can no longer stem the tide of defections even in times of a gradual decline of standards. We are still too much dependent upon temporary, almost casual, help, and too much subject to resignations from the higher grades, to enable us to build up an efficient organization. Meanwhile the fine loyalty and spirit displayed by our overworked and underpaid staff merits the highest praise and appreciation on the part of the Board and its officers.

The shortage of trained or experienced library workers continues to be serious all over the country, and is especially

\*No inventory taken in the Main Library.

acute in Chicago. There is no library training school in Chicago, and graduates of other schools are so quickly snapped up by other cities with better salary offers and more elastic employment conditions that there is little prospect of relief through this channel. The enlistment of an adequate and competent staff with whom to resume all of our former activities, altogether aside from the establishment of new ones, is by far the most serious problem we have to face. To re-staff the closed branches will alone require at least fifty people, most of whom should have a reasonable amount of experience. Where these are to come from is a question that cannot at present be answered. They cannot be taken out of the present branches, since all of these are now understaffed and working under extreme pressure which will become heavier as the season progresses. Our only slight hope lies in the Training Class, in which at present fourteen young women are being instructed in the simpler processes of library work. This small number will, however, afford scarcely appreciable relief even when, after six or eight months' training, they are ready for service.

The revision of the salary schedules is an urgent necessity if we are to hold the remnants of our staff together. It may be that the entrance salaries in each grade are reasonable, but provision must be made for more rapid promotion. The present scale of increase by \$60 a year, or \$5 a month, after a full year's service, is totally inadequate and beneath contempt.

It is interesting to add, as a matter of record, that by legislative action the Board is now directed to turn over all moneys collected as book fines to the Employees' Pension Fund. This was formerly a practice within the discretion of the Board which rarely omitted to make such provision. It has now been made a legal obligation.

#### THE NEW YEAR

In conclusion I beg to submit the following brief preliminary program for activities in the new year, based upon the expectation of an income sufficient to justify the adoption of a forward-looking policy.

*Resumption and Rehabilitation.* Our first steps must, naturally, be in the direction of the restoration of service upon the scale of 1920. In some districts new branch quarters must be provided in place of those formerly occupied and now no longer available. In others the question of remaining in present locations with the prospect of greatly increased rentals must be met. The reopening of the branches will entail very heavy book purchases, since most of the books taken out of the closed branches have been absorbed by transfer to other branches where they were needed to take care of increased demands.

*Location of New Branches.* A number of localities have made applications in times past for branch service that it was impossible to install. Some of these may now become possible, and the question of renting (which gets more difficult and costly every year) as against erecting new buildings of a suitable if inexpensive type will arise. Even if it should prove inexpedient to start any new buildings during the coming year, it seems wise to suggest that sites be investigated and, perhaps, purchased for future occupancy if they can be secured at advantageous figures. We have several such sites in mind.

*Addition to the Library Building.* It has long been recognized that the Central Library building has been outgrown, in book capacity as well as in facilities for public and staff. The twenty-fifth anniversary of its opening to the public will occur in October, 1922. Twenty-five years ago this part of the city, largely given over to the wholesale business concerns, was much less populous than it is today. Michigan avenue, instead of being one of the greatest thoroughfares in the world, was a narrow border street with little traffic and few frequenters. Fortunately the architecture of our building is such that it will forever maintain its position among the finest public structures in the city, and will hold its own in the most ambitious City Plan. Internally, however, it has been outgrown, both by reason of natural increase in the number of users and the very marked extension of its own work, influence and popularity, and, as well, because of the immense developments and changes in the character and use of this vicinity. Twenty-five years ago the issue of 2,000 to 2,500 volumes per day from the Main Library was considered a large day's work. Today the daily issue commonly reaches 4,000 volumes and frequently exceeds 6,000 volumes. All other activities have increased in proportion. More room is needed in every department; stack room for books, enlarged circulating and reading space for our heavily increased number of patrons; additional quarters for new activities that were undreamed of when the building was planned, and better accommodations and conveniences for the staff, which has naturally grown to numbers many times greater than were required in 1897.

A program of desirable additions to the building has been prepared, which contemplates utilizing the open space in the rear left vacant in the original construction. The architects of the building have drawn tentative plans, without any obligations or undertakings on our part whatsoever, and these are ready for consideration by the Board.

*Publications and Publicity.* The preparation and printing of catalogs of various departments must be resumed as quick-



ly as possible. Manuscript for the catalog of our excellent Music Department has been ready for more than a year and the printing should be undertaken at the earliest practicable moment. Revised lists in History, Biography, and Travel, as well as in numerous other subjects are urgently needed.

In this connection a thorough revision and overhauling of our collections in the Main Library is highly desirable. The reclassification of the entire library upon a more modern and workable system is a task which has confronted us for years and should be kept in mind in any program for the future. The services of a number of bibliographical experts of the highest order of ability would be required for this huge task.

Heretofore we have not dared to advertise the Library, since we have been totally unable to encompass all of the opportunities and work that came to us unsolicited. With the expansion of resources and capacity for greater service, we should now undertake a systematic publicity campaign, and a definite, though at first small, appropriation should be made for this purpose. An illustrated handbook describing the Public Library, its resources and activities, as well as its architectural and artistic features, is much needed.

*Service to Special Classes.* Extension of library service to the hospitals and other institutions; to all of the schools (instead of, as at present, to about one-fifth of them), to business men, to clubs and groups of all kinds, to foreign colonies and to the outlying and remote districts of the city now entirely untouched should be undertaken on a scale commensurate with the vast opportunities open in these fields. A bureau for advice and direction in home study for adults would be highly useful and popular. If arrangements could be made with the authorities of Cook County for a division of expense or for compensation on a per capita or other basis, the service and benefits of the Chicago Public Library should be extended to include the entire population of the county. Numerous city libraries are now operating under such arrangements.

The possibilities of Visual Education and the part of the Library in this new departure should be given attention. Comprehensive collections of good pictures, stereopticon slides and motion picture films could be assembled at relatively small cost and loaned like books to responsible groups or institutions. A central public agency for the free circulation of such material would be a highly important aid to education, and no institution is in a better position to undertake this work than the Public Library.

The problem of our future relations to the High School Libraries is one to be settled with reference to both the re-

sumption of responsibility for the seven present installations as well as the extension of our jurisdiction to cover the other sixteen schools now in operation and all new ones to be built in times to come.

Finally, it will be necessary to provide for the cleaning and renovation, in whole or in part, of every building we own, including the Central Library, which has not been thoroughly cleaned and redecorated for seven years and is in urgent need of attention.

The above is submitted as a tentative and incomplete list of tasks, responsibilities and opportunities confronting us in view of our financial rehabilitation. No doubt this list could be expanded, but for the present it will serve to fix our attention on matters of urgency and importance in the growth of the Library that require and deserve immediate consideration.

This report is styled the "fiftieth" although it really covers the forty-ninth full year of the activities of the Public Library, the discrepancy being due to an overlapping of periods when the fiscal year was changed in 1919. The opening of the Library to the public took place on New Year's Day, 1873, and the fiftieth anniversary should be made the occasion for a proper observance.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL B. RODEN, *Librarian.*

Chicago, January 23, 1922.

## BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS

1921

## ANALYSIS OF ADULT CIRCULATION IN BRANCHES

	Branch	000	050	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	910	920	Fic.	Mag.
1	Woodlawn....	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	1
2	Legler.....	1	5	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	5
3	Sheridan.....	10	11	2	1	6	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	10
4	Kelly.....	5	3	5	6	4	10	6	5	5	6	6	6	5	4	3
5	Lewis.....	4	1	4	3	3	6	2	2	8	5	5	7	6	5	6
6	Blackstone....	7	19	6	5	5	3	10	7	2	2	3	4	3	6	8
7	Austin.....	8	4	8	8	7	9	5	6	6	7	7	5	7	7	4
8	Douglas.....	3	8	9	7	8	5	7	9	16	8	8	9	9	8	19
9	Rogers.....	25	10	11	12	11	8	11	12	11	10	9	8	8	9	7
10	Logan.....	6	7	10	16	13	29	8	8	7	14	16	11	19	10	12
11	Humboldt....	12	6	12	11	10	16	9	11	15	11	10	10	13	11	24
12	Lincoln C....	15	14	7	9	9	7	18	14	13	9	11	13	10	13	20
13	W. North Ave.	13	18	15	20	21	12	12	10	10	17	14	16	16	12	28
14	Butler H.....	18	20	13	10	16	19	14	18	17	12	13	12	11	14	17
15	Hamilton.....	19	0	14	13	14	14	17	16	14	13	18	10	12	15	18
16	Ogden Pk....	11	15	16	24	15	21	15	15	12	15	12	15	15	16	9
17	Shedd Pk....	26	16	17	23	22	13	18	17	20	18	15	14	20	17	22
18	Bessemer Pk...	16	22	22	15	12	11	22	13	9	19	24	17	14	20	2
19	Sherman Pk...	22	15	18	17	17	15	16	21	23	20	17	18	18	19	11
20	Independence..	20	0	19	18	20	28	20	22	19	23	22	20	24	18	13
21	Eckhart Pk...	14	21	21	21	19	17	21	20	18	21	19	21	22	27	16
22	Hebrew Inst...	18	21	20	22	23	18	23	25	26	16	20	24	21	23	23
23	Holstein Pk...	17	9	26	26	24	24	24	19	22	27	27	25	27	26	14
24	Walker.....	9	17	25	14	18	20	13	24	21	22	21	19	17	24	15
25	Seward Pk....	23	12	24	26	25	22	24	26	27	24	25	22	23	21	26
26	Hamlin Pk....	21	13	23	19	27	25	19	23	24	25	26	23	25	25	25
27	Hardin Sq....	0	0	28	25	26	27	25	28	25	26	23	26	26	22	27
28	Kosciuszko...	24	0	27	27	28	23	26	27	28	28	29	27	29	28	29
29	Stanton Pk...	27	23	29	28	29	26	27	29	29	29	28	28	28	29	21



## TABLE OF HOME CIRC

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	Branch	No. of Vols.			Circulation—Juvenile			Circulation—Adult		
		Juvenile	Adult	Total	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Total
1	Legler.....	14,087	18,170	32,257	84,781	27,028	111,809	112,754	43,058	155,812
2	Woodlawn.....	5,669	10,894	16,563	61,305	17,025	78,330	122,012	40,436	162,448
3	Douglas.....	7,527	7,682	15,209	83,759	38,617	122,376	59,534	24,116	83,650
4	Kelly.....	6,334	11,226	17,560	65,865	19,918	85,783	83,749	30,729	114,478
5	Sheridan.....	4,139	8,523	12,662	45,572	15,685	61,257	102,715	35,090	137,805
6	Lewis Institute.....	4,871	10,901	15,772	43,709	17,054	60,763	79,765	30,081	109,846
7	Humboldt.....	6,543	6,733	13,276	62,904	31,702	94,606	47,666	20,702	68,368
8	Austin.....	4,880	8,746	13,626	41,651	14,328	55,979	66,489	27,682	94,171
9	Blackstone.....	4,174	16,927	21,101	28,140	8,976	37,116	71,626	31,651	103,277
10	Logan Square.....	4,242	5,474	9,716	49,575	19,585	69,160	51,036	18,153	69,189
11	Shedd Park.....	3,705	3,201	6,906	56,809	23,120	79,929	36,990	15,657	52,647
12	W. North Ave.....	4,830	4,008	8,838	53,712	20,738	74,450	47,057	10,792	57,849
13	Rogers Park.....	3,951	6,139	10,090	34,215	11,948	46,163	52,568	20,818	73,386
14	Hamilton Park.....	2,783	3,902	6,685	41,597	15,686	57,283	42,333	14,899	57,232
15	Ogden Park.....	3,065	4,648	7,713	41,316	17,752	59,068	41,652	13,289	54,941
16	Butler House.....	2,746	3,267	6,013	37,150	16,212	53,362	42,616	14,814	57,430
17	Lincoln Center.....	3,170	7,935	11,105	26,829	11,179	38,008	46,949	16,798	63,747
18	Sherman Park.....	3,019	3,171	6,190	38,980	16,594	55,574	29,543	10,889	40,432
19	Bessemer Park.....	2,509	2,164	4,673	33,755	15,600	49,355	27,780	17,885	45,665
20	Holstein Park.....	2,685	2,247	4,932	36,129	26,099	62,828	17,786	12,042	29,828
21	Hebrew Institute.....	3,651	4,749	8,400	37,529	17,397	54,926	18,944	11,260	30,204
22	Eckhart Park.....	3,103	2,866	5,969	28,684	23,628	52,312	17,314	12,915	30,229
23	Independence.....	2,033	2,688	4,721	27,950	9,451	37,401	31,102	9,152	40,254
24	Hamlin Park.....	2,944	3,324	6,268	27,297	12,040	39,337	18,595	7,003	25,598
25	Seward Park.....	2,512	2,860	5,372	21,269	10,386	31,655	22,001	6,161	28,162
26	Hardin Square.....	2,491	2,309	4,800	22,871	9,701	32,572	19,920	5,212	25,132
27	Walker.....	2,790	6,167	8,957	14,014	6,799	20,813	18,904	9,367	28,271
28	Kosciuszko.....	2,015	1,733	3,748	20,410	11,544	31,954	10,732	4,597	15,329
29	Stanton Park.....	1,512	1,935	3,447	11,649	9,373	21,022	9,884	4,373	14,257
30	W. 26th St.....				4,284	2,506	6,790	2,278	1,886	4,164
31	Burr School.....				4,109	2,881	6,990	1,766	1,334	3,100
32	Dvorak Park.....				2,753	1,883	4,636	1,547	1,638	3,185
33	Mark White.....				3,187	1,721	4,908	1,797	938	2,735
34	Morse School.....				3,206	1,405	4,611	1,831	532	2,363
35	Fuller Park.....	Closed Feb. 1st 1921			3,044	953	3,997	2,009	518	2,527
36	Cornell Square.....				2,647	1,418	4,065	1,512	816	2,328
37	Sumner School.....				2,774	637	3,411	2,253	406	2,659
38	McKinley Park.....				2,374	692	3,066	2,025	317	2,342
39	Armour Square.....				1,248	497	1,745	934	269	1,203
		117,980	174,589	292,569	1,209,052	510,358	1,719,410	1,367,968	528,275	1,896,243

## RELATION IN BRANCHES

Grand Total Direct Circ.	Gain	Loss	%	Turn- over	Station Circ.	Attendance	Pictures		Branch		
							Col- lection	Cir- culation			
267,621	194,648		73	8	2,884	110,768	3,222	456	Legler	1	
240,778		5,083	2	15	8,308	129,698	5,033	9,317	Woodlawn	2	
206,026	26,682		13	13	5,937	175,362	10,677	29,920	Douglas	3	
200,261		253	0	11	3,675	133,934	8,662	5,832	Kelly	4	
199,061		8,462	4	16	3,516	79,900	2,847	1,360	Sheridan	5	
170,609		4,608	3	11	4,043	135,084	6,189	5,439	Lewis Institute	6	
162,974		6,958	4	12	17,951	128,087	5,537	31,343	Humboldt	7	
150,150		11,919	8	11	2,964	54,307	3,469	1,379	Austin	8	
140,393		3,530	3	7	3,867	107,112	6,800	2,984	Blackstone	9	
138,349		3,934	3	10	3,946	48,406	1,513	979	Logan Square	10	
132,576	48,780		37	19	3,176	55,778	2,640	1,161	Shedd Park	11	
132,299		8,286	6	15	3,901	52,970	632	319	W. North Ave	12	
119,549		1,612	1	12	1,612	48,126	1,200	12	Rogers	13	
114,515	14,257		12	17	2,363	64,886	2,770	9,014	Hamilton	14	
114,009		2,513	2	15	1,723	68,694	3,051	2,855	Ogden Park	15	
110,792	7,231		7	18	2,001	42,609	890	569	Butler	16	
101,755		8,604	8	9	4,305	46,367	2,025	2,136	Lincoln Center	17	
96,006	9,904		10	16	3,184	52,659	3,418	2,605	Sherman	18	
95,020	6,674		7	20	3,137	44,095	9,429	17,401	Bessemer	19	
92,656	7,671		8	19	2,718	48,310	0	6	Holstein	20	
85,130	3,980		5	10	1,225	81,852	2,389	977	Hebrew	21	
82,541	26,152		32	14	1,823	61,690	2,300	146	Eckhart	22	
77,655	5,430		7	16	2,367	30,804	2,270	496	Independence	23	
64,935		636	0	10	1,268	51,420	390	254	Hamlin	24	
59,817		7,949	13	11	3,575	57,150	940		Seward	25	
57,704	14,027		24	12	1,388	42,250	1,554	868	Hardin	26	
49,084	1,932		4	5	705	14,016	187	107	Walker	27	
47,283		12,319	26	13	606	34,606	1,557	8,564	Kosciuszko	28	
35,279		9,178	26	10	1,033	33,489	0	0	Stanton	29	
10,954		104,840			67	5,621		330	W. 26th St.	30	
10,090		57,505			179	8,496		48	Burr School	31	
7,821		55,378			244	6,354		386	Dvorak Park	32	
7,643		66,031			115	3,725		261	Mark White	33	
6,974		59,509			197	4,975		183	Morse School	34	
6,524		48,570			122	4,722			Fuller Park	35	
6,393		44,400			336	5,215			Cornell Square	36	
6,070		58,128			116	4,474			Sumner School	37	
5,408		44,314			41	5,121		42	McKinley	38	
2,948		28,289			224	2,873		51	Armour Square	39	
3,615,653	367,368	662,808			100,842	2,086,005	91,591	137,810			
		179,415	(Loss for 6 branches closed previous to January 1921)								
		842,223									
		367,368	Gain during the year.								
		474,855	Total Loss.								



## BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS

1921

## ANALYSIS OF JUVENILE CIRCULATION IN BRANCHES

Branch	000	050	100	200	300	398	400	500	600	700	800	900	910	B	Fic.	Mag.
1 Douglas....	3	0	7	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	29
2 Legler.....	10	21	19	7	2	3	1	4	1	2	4	4	4	5	1	12
3 Humboldt...	7	11	9	4	3	2	0	5	10	3	2	5	2	2	4	5
4 Kelly.....	0	3	14	15	11	9	0	3	8	12	10	8	14	9	3	6
5 Shedd Pk...	0	17	12	11	7	5	4	10	3	4	7	6	13	4	6	9
6 Woodlawn...	0	8	16	9	17	16	0	8	9	13	11	7	14	6	5	14
7 W. North Av.	0	20	13	12	6	4	0	9	5	5	22	10	11	10	7	25
8 Logan Sq...	4	6	17	6	8	6	0	6	17	8	9	16	17	14	8	17
9 Holstein Pk.	2	10	1	2	5	7	3	2	4	7	3	2	6	4	17	3
10 Sheridan...	0	2	10	16	24	12	0	15	14	15	14	15	16	7	9	26
11 Lewis Inst...	5	5	8	10	20	8	0	17	18	16	16	20	8	17	10	28
12 Ogden Pk...	0	1	4	14	14	18	0	7	6	10	6	12	7	8	13	10
13 Hamilton Pk.	0	13	20	13	12	20	0	12	11	17	15	13	5	15	12	15
14 Austin.....	8	12	17	22	21	19	0	11	12	14	13	18	15	22	11	21
15 Sherman Pk.	9	16	14	8	15	13	0	13	15	20	12	11	10	12	14	8
16 Hebrew Inst.	0	0	3	5	16	10	0	16	16	22	19	9	9	13	15	11
17 Butler H'se.	0	0	21	15	4	14	0	14	13	11	17	14	18	11	16	18
18 Eckhart Pk.	0	7	5	3	10	11	0	10	7	9	5	3	3	3	20	2
19 Bessemer Pk.	0	16	6	19	18	21	2	24	20	6	8	19	12	18	19	1
20 Rogers Pk...	0	14	22	21	23	23	0	18	19	18	24	17	20	16	18	16
21 Hamlin Pk...	0	17	23	26	19	15	0	22	22	24	23	24	21	23	23	19
22 Lincoln C...	6	9	2	24	27	22	5	20	26	21	20	21	19	21	24	22
23 Indep'dence.	0	15	21	23	22	27	0	23	28	23	25	27	26	20	22	20
24 Blackstone...	0	18	19	18	29	28	0	21	27	19	27	22	22	25	21	4
25 Hardin Sq...	0	0	18	17	26	26	0	27	21	28	21	25	24	24	25	24
26 Kosciuszko...	1	0	11	27	9	17	0	25	25	25	26	23	28	26	27	27
27 Seward Pk...	0	0	15	25	25	25	0	19	24	26	18	26	23	19	26	23
28 Stanton Pk...	0	19	14	20	13	24	0	28	29	29	29	28	25	27	29	7
29 Walker.....	0	4	0	28	28	29	0	26	23	27	28	29	27	28	28	13



## DEPARTMENT OF DEPOSITS

## DIRECT CIRCULATION FOR 1921

*Traveling Libraries*

*Albany Park .....	19,526	Kelvin Grove .....	270
Armitage Ave. ....	7,326	Lakeview .....	7,915
Association House .....	50,141	Larrabee St. ....	19,260
Avondale .....	16,728	Lawndale .....	27,456
Birchwood .....	20,449	LeMoine .....	28,661
Campbell Park .....	6,269	Longwood .....	9,675
*Chase House .....	6,974	Madison St. ....	1,806
Cheltenham .....	19,577	Mayfair .....	14,028
Chicago Ave. ....	8,764	Montrose .....	18,971
Chicago Lawn .....	34,769	N. Clark St. ....	5,851
Cicero Ave. ....	9,906	Norwood Park .....	11,985
*Clearing .....	10,526	*Olivet Baptist Church.....	3,296
Cleveland .....	29,258	Park Manor .....	47,190
Dauphin Park .....	16,990	Ravenswood .....	24,343
Drexel .....	4,438	*Roseland .....	27,194
Dunning .....	18,564	St. Louis Ave. ....	12,492
E. Rogers Park.....	13,859	Samaritan .....	16,514
E. 61st St. ....	8,889	S. Ashland Ave. ....	19,569
Edison Park .....	12,467	S. Western Ave. ....	11,078
Eleanor Social Center.....	14,267	*Southport Ave. ....	9,850
Fernwood .....	13,513	Trumbull Park .....	16,877
Gads Hill Center .....	14,591	Wakeford .....	15,863
Gage Park .....	22,916	Washington Heights .....	9,127
*Garden Homes .....	8,501	W. Division St. ....	24,485
Grand Ave. ....	13,446	W. Harrison St. ....	8,204
Grand Crossing .....	10,832	W. Pullman .....	26,271
Gresham .....	19,621	W. Ravenswood .....	34,498
Grove .....	1,057	W. 16th St. ....	45,965
Hegewisch .....	15,213	W. 12th St. ....	26,879
*Henry Booth House .....	3,975	Wieboldt .....	26,393
Hermosa .....	13,013	Windsor Park .....	11,720
*House of Happiness .....	9,387		
*Howell Neighborhood House .....	4,689		
Irving Park .....	7,892		
Jefferson Park .....	29,089		
*Kedzie .....	23,037		
		Total .....	1,104,145
		*Opened during the year.	

*Business House Libraries*

W. D. Allen Mfg. Co.....	488	Hart, Schaffner & Marx—	
American Bank Note Co...	1,711	Market St. ....	3,084
*American Medical Ass'n...	227	Hart, Schaffner & Marx—	
Armour Packing Co.....	15,360	Franklin St. ....	1,989
Automatic Electric Co....	2,745	Hart, Schaffner & Marx—	
*Belden Mfg. Co. ....	1,321	Tripp Ave. ....	2,789
Boston Store .....	3,959	*Hart, Schaffner & Marx—	
Butler Bros. ....	2,978	Wells St. ....	393
J. W. Butler Paper Co....	2,973	Illinois Steel Co. ....	250
Cont. & Comm. Bank.....	10,367	Kabo Corset Company ....	809
Deering Harvester Works.	7,620	L. Klein .....	812
R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co.	496	Kuppenheimer & Co., No. 1	916
Ederheimer Stein & Co....	799	Kuppenheimer & Co., No. 2	577
Federal Reserve Bank ...	10,108	La Salle Extension .....	5,628
Marshall Field .....	26,830	*Lyon & Healy .....	1,567
Foley & Company.....	3,002	Mail Order Company.....	1,985
Goodman Mfg. Co. ....	4,432	Mandel Bros. ....	9,829
G. H. Hammond Co.....	2,938	*McCutcheon Gerson .....	104

Mitchell Brothers .....	900	Swift & Company .....	2,614
Montgomery Ward & Co... 30,157		Tractor Works .....	2,546
National Biscuit Co. .... 8,621		*Union Special Mach.....	101
*National City Bank .....	657	Union Trust Company.....	2,176
Northern Trust Company.. 1,455		U. S. Rubber Co. ....	1,323
Peoples Gas Co. ....	3,975	U. of C. Press. ....	443
Philipsborn .....	4,907	Universal Portland Cement.	470
Post Office .....	6,181	Wahl Company .....	2,674
Ed. V. Price .....	1,543	Ward Baking Co. No. 1... 860	
Rosenwald & Weil.....	940	Ward Baking Co., No. 3... 1,588	
Rothschild & Co. ....	3,038	Ward Baking Co., No. 4... 952	
Schoenbrun & Co. ....	296	Western Electric Co.....	8,103
Sears, Roebuck & Co.....	6,351	Western Union .....	2,838
A. W. Shaw Company.....	2,571	Wm. Wrigley Co.....	850
Sprague Warner .....	8,330		
A. Stein & Company.....	1,324	Total .....	237,870

*Special Deposits*

Adriel Methodist Church.. 1,492	Presbyterian Hospital .....	5,049
American Association of Engineers .....	*Presbyterian Tr. School....	77
Bethany Union .....	Rotary Club .....	858
Brethren Mission .....	Ruth Club .....	860
Brotherhood House .....	*St. Anne's School .....	202
*Chicago Normal College... 148	*St. Mary's H. S. ....	735
*Chicago Latin School..... 54	*St. Paul's Cong. Church... 1,092	
Chicago Synagogues .....	St. Timothy S. S. ....	900
*Chicago Typo. School .....	Scott Troop, No. 840.....	120
*County Hospital .....	*Scott Troop, No. 850.....	197
De Paul University .....	Sullivan Community Center	900
Douglas Park Mission..... 376	*Tilden Technical H. S....	512
*Fellowship House .....	*Trinity S. S. ....	535
Fourth Presbyterian Church 1,204	Tuley H. S. ....	300
Fourth Presbyterian Church 1,260	Ukrainian Library .....	936
Boys Club .....	*Waller H. S. ....	49
*Gladstone Boys Club .....	*Wesley Hospital .....	2,793
Gladstone Community Center .....	Willard School .....	1,227
Grace Y. M. S. ....	*Winchell Cont. School .....	1,282
*Harmony Boys A. A..... 650	Y. M. C. A.—Central .....	399
*Hibbard H. S. ....	Y. M. C. A.—Hyde Park ...	1,844
Hull House .....	Y. M. C. A.—Wabash Ave..	603
Hull House—Greek Club.. 692	Y. M. C. A.—Wilson Ave... 1,198	
Illinois Training School .. 600	Y. W. C. A.—Central .....	1,793
Juvenile Psychopathic Inst. 350	Y. W. C. A.—Indiana Ave.. 1,117	
Knights of Columbus..... 1,500	Y. W. C. A.—Ind. S. C..... 1,013	
*K. of C.—Genoa Council... 1,088	Association House Camp... 240	
*Lane-Sheldon H. S. .... 1,240	Camp Bridgeman .....	180
*LeMoyné School .....	Camp Covenant .....	344
Lincoln Mem. Cong. Church 1,781	Crippled Children's Camp.. 360	
*Marks Nathan Home..... 2,526	Camp Fire Girls .....	800
Mary A. Home.....	Forest Beach Camp .....	360
Mary B. Home.....	Fourth Presby. Camp .....	240
Methodist Old People's Home .....	Camp Gray .....	110
Home .....	Camp Hammond .....	240
*Michael Reese Hospital... 2,378	Hull House Camp .....	238
Nat'l Kindergarten College 2,861	Lincoln Centre Camp.....	200
Northern States Mission .. 1,201	Camp Milhurst, Y. W. C. A.	250
Our Lady of Sorrows..... 10,578	Swift & Co. Camp.....	600
*Onward Pres. S. S. .... 1,422	Camp Owasippe .....	360
Orthogenic School .....	Sunset Camp .....	131
	Total .....	90,662

## THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CIRCULATION OF BOOKS 1874-1921

Year	Home circulation of books	Daily average circulation	Books issued through delivery stations	Books issued through branches (direct or station)	Fines collected
1874	7,659	295	.....	.....	\$ 3.65
1875	399,156	1,313	.....	.....	2,648.72
1880	306,751	1,002	.....	.....	1,775.72
1885	519,691	1,704	65,271	.....	3,088.00
1890	843,971	2,830	201,257	.....	4,853.75
1895	1,147,862	3,816	545,866	.....	5,543.88
1900	1,749,775	5,769	1,143,391	.....	7,196.98
1905	1,336,199	4,400	788,657	4,336	6,732.20
1906	1,411,106	4,548	846,802	36,343	7,484.91
1907	1,414,292	4,521	844,415	52,451	8,284.65
1908	1,601,645	5,046	954,000	71,074	8,662.83
1909	1,777,142	5,885	1,129,450	70,486	9,162.63
1910	1,805,012	5,938	1,135,848	184,956	10,151.94
1911	2,256,022	7,397	1,075,376	592,454	12,851.36
1912	2,587,232	8,455	948,815	1,063,740	14,196.22
1913	3,037,035	9,587	883,366	1,396,422	15,359.64
1914	3,428,638	11,261	804,987	1,680,529	16,803.41
1915	4,326,057	14,184	820,227	2,310,701	18,636.64
1916	4,802,432	15,694	771,028	2,614,504	20,911.43
1917	5,602,806	18,491	743,131	3,092,507	22,341.22
1918	6,724,070	22,192	526,237	3,841,413	24,688.99
1919	7,509,267	24,702	426,575	4,580,244	33,315.23
1920	7,651,928	25,006	405,651	4,593,634	41,132.57
1921	7,472,768	24,501	293,949	4,093,404	47,290.79

## BOOK ACCESSIONS 1874-1921

Year	Volumes in library	Total acces- sions	Volumes pur- chased	Volumes donated	Expended for books	Books worn out	Acce- sions of pam- phlets
1874	18,183	11,331	9,899	1,432	\$10,733.11	.....	2,638
1875	39,236	21,053	20,122	969	28,410.63	38	1,944
1880	67,772	8,440	7,799	641	7,404.52	1,137	487
1885	111,621	6,836	5,692	1,144	6,899.14	698	3,201
1890	156,242	10,908	10,073	835	11,148.66	3,507	1,635
1895	211,157	18,485	16,727	975	19,431.18	5,595	1,236
1900	258,498	12,911	9,651	1,622	12,476.70	3,905	1,807
1905	304,510	22,879	18,436	2,097	19,884.79	8,002	3,456
1906	323,610	26,236	22,616	1,997	24,013.53	6,365	4,042
1907	339,282	24,987	21,927	1,438	20,078.07	8,303	2,596
1908	352,093	25,843	22,353	1,765	24,262.76	11,466	1,499
1909	365,349	28,197	25,303	1,315	27,064.70	12,900	868
1910	402,848	55,990	51,482	2,693	45,520.85	14,688	132
1911	448,073	58,644	54,504	2,070	46,283.09	10,020	2,022
1912	481,708	50,952	45,834	3,655	43,190.29	10,340	1,944
1913	514,259	47,467	39,035	6,368	38,136.33	9,503	1,734
1914	571,358	78,231	73,228	2,670	65,779.48	21,132	2,805
1915	627,619	75,837	69,305	3,901	61,661.31	12,796	10,251
1916	701,059	100,527	82,158	13,006	72,171.42	15,516	16,184
1917	806,172	140,645	130,929	3,875	112,556.34	24,469	17,109
1918	882,566	123,312	112,857	6,759	101,044.01	34,437	45,275
1919	1,011,963	141,273	130,841	6,135	112,716.52	41,287	9,393
1920	1,075,292	137,850	126,990	7,032	105,465.93	46,746	16,960
1921	1,099,711	98,005	88,246	4,704	99,410.32	46,370	16,568

## CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS

	Volumes in library Dec. 31, 1920	Total acces- sions, Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 1921	Net acces- sions, Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 1921	Volumes in library Dec. 31, 1921
Ancient Classics.....	2,230	55	2	2,232
Bibliography.....	7,042	319	315	7,357
Biography.....	24,443	756	260	24,703
Books for the Blind.....	2,457	297	292	2,749
Documents.....	55,802	3,253	3,216	59,018
English Fiction.....	220,252	20,305	857	221,109
Essays and Miscellanies.....	9,684	564	55	9,739
Fine Arts.....	20,835	1,006	75	20,910
Geography and Travels.....	23,389	779	412	23,801
History.....	41,369	1,365	524	41,893
Juvenile Books.....	311,622	52,022	8,037	319,659
Language and Literature.....	24,625	865	605	25,230
Law.....	2,038	36	19	2,057
Medicine.....	5,047	297	257	5,304
Mental and Moral Science.....	13,689	844	531	14,220
Music: Sheet.....	13,147	186	150	13,297
Music: Piano Rolls.....	500	.....	.....	500
Music: Volumes.....	5,904	95	61	5,965
Natural Science.....	19,730	588	—158	19,572
Periodicals.....	61,209	1,100	1,048	62,257
Poetry and Drama.....	25,777	1,350	411	26,188
Political and Social Science.....	28,716	1,338	501	29,217
Reference Books.....	14,292	669	585	14,877
Religion.....	12,631	194	94	12,725
Useful Arts.....	49,990	1,603	403	50,393
Bohemian Literature.....	6,206	2,881	2,296	8,502
Dutch Literature.....	1,515	3	—3	1,512
French Literature.....	14,267	445	369	14,636
German Literature.....	27,145	385	153	27,298
Hungarian Literature.....	241	.....	—11	230
Italian Literature.....	2,994	226	181	3,175
Japanese and Chinese Lit.....	137	.....	.....	137
Lettish Literature.....	661	1	—1	660
Lithuanian Literature.....	930	539	514	1,444
Polish Literature.....	4,482	528	338	4,820
Portuguese Literature.....	18	.....	.....	18
Russian Literature.....	2,821	41	—14	2,807
Scandinavian Literature.....	10,284	582	548	10,832
Spanish Literature.....	2,579	112	85	2,664
Welsh Literature.....	8	.....	.....	8
Yiddish Literature.....	3,887	1,525	1,385	5,272
Other Languages.....	697	36	27	724
Total.....	1,075,292	97,190	24,419	1,099,711

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

ACCORDING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Annual report for year ending December 31, 1921.

Name of library: The Chicago Public Library.

Population served .....2,701,705

Terms of use: free for lending—free for reference.

Total number of agencies..... 2,124

Consisting of:

Central Library ..... 1

Branches ..... 46

Stations and other agencies..... 2,077

Number of days open during year (Central Library)..... 363

Hours open each week for lending (Central Library)..... 60

Hours open each week for reading (Central Library)..... 83

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year.....	763,053	312,239	1,075,292
Number of volumes added during year by purchase .....	36,710	51,536	88,246
Number of volumes added during year by gift or exchange (including volumes received from other sources) .....	9,273	486	9,759
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year .....	29,333	44,253	73,586
Total number of volumes at end of year.....	779,703	320,008	1,099,711

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
*Number of volumes of fiction for home use...	.....	.....	3,247,946
Total number of volumes lent for home use .....	.....	.....	7,472,768
Number of volumes sent to agencies.....			293,949

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of borrowers registered during year..	57,285	23,305	80,590
Total number of registered borrowers (general and local) .....	.....	.....	423,164
Registration period, years .....	.....	.....	3

	<i>Titles</i>	<i>Copies</i>
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received...	983	71,820
Number of persons using library for reading and study (total figures of attendance in reading rooms).....		1,343,436

\*From Central Library, branches and stations only. Classified figures from deposits, school deposits and traveling libraries not available at this time.

## FINANCE

## RECEIPTS FROM

Unexpended balance, Jan. 1, 1921 .....	\$ 8,627.19
City tax levy .....	835,567.01
County or township tax levy .....	
State grants .....	
Endowment funds .....	11,618.96
Membership fees .....	
Fines and sale of publications .....	47,498.96
Duplicate pay collection .....	6,386.09
Gifts .....	
Interest on deposits .....	
Other sources (if extraordinary, enumerate and state objects) .....	12,056.53
	<u>\$921,754.74</u>

## PAYMENTS FOR

Maintenance :	
Books .....	\$ 99,410.32
Periodicals .....	13,642.27
Binding .....	71,894.34
Salaries, library service }	
Salaries, janitor service }	
	550,147.99
Rent .....	14,520.00
Heat ) .....	
Light ) .....	31,744.33
Permanent improvements and furniture .....	13,144.62
Supplies .....	
Printing and stationery .....	11,731.15
Telephone .....	
Transportation, postage, express, freight, etc. ....	3,673.11
Other maintenance ...	57,113.46
	<u>Total maintenance . . \$867,021.59</u>
Fines paid to pension fund .....	47,290.79
Extraordinary—such as:	
Sites .....	
New buildings .....	
Additions to buildings .....	
Other unusual expenses .....	
Unexpended balance, Dec. 31, 1921 .....	7,442.36
	<u>Grand total ..... \$921,754.74</u>















